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1 Peter: Believing Truth that Changes Me

Read the following passage
and answer the questions below.

Peter, the leader of Jesus' disciples, wrote two long letters to Christians who had been criticized harshly for standing up for Jesus. He reminds them of how unusual the story of Jesus is and explains how salvation is a great gift from God.

Why such a great gift???

The salvation that God offers is great because it fulfills a plan that God had been preparing and predicting for thousands of years (1:10-11)

1 Peter 1:10-12

1. Who did God use to tell men about the salvation that He was preparing (1:10)?
2. How does Peter describe the message that the prophets preached (1:10)?

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3. Though the prophets were giving the message to others, how did they respond to it (1:10-11)?
4. How eager are you to hear about God's salvation?
5. The prophets preached some "bad news" and some "good" news. Find a word that describes the "bad" and one that describes the "good." (1 Peter 1:11)

Even Jesus suffered, didn't He? What happens to God's people often first happened to Jesus. When God's people suffer for standing up for Jesus, the Bible says that we "share" in His sufferings.

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Recite 1 Peter 4:13-14 from memory.

¹³but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing . . . ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

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Recite the verses below from memory.

When God gives a person salvation from sin, God begins right away making that individual into a new person. When God saves, He changes – but what does the change look like? Peter begins to answer that in 1 Peter 1:13-16.

Part of standing up for Jesus is not simply *talking about* Him at times, but by beginning to *be* like Him.

1 Peter 1:13-16

¹³Therefore, *prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.* ¹⁴As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance. ¹⁵But like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; ¹⁶because it is written, "YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."

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1 Peter 1:13-16 (see above)

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Write the five commands below. Then describe them in your own words.

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1. **Example:** *Prepare your mind for action:* Get ready to hear and do.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Pray and ask God to help you understand how to obey Him.

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Recite the following passages from
memory and answer the questions.

Do you remember times when you have been afraid? Some kinds of fear are not good, but the Bible teaches us about a certain kind of fear that is good.

1 Peter 1:17

¹⁷ If you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay on earth.

1. Does God want us to fear Him?
2. What do you believe God means when he commands you to fear Him? Talk with a leader and see if you are thinking the right way.

Proverbs 1:7

*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge;
Fools despise wisdom and instruction*

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Recite the following passage from
memory and answer the questions.

Probably the hardest time to fear God is when we are afraid of people who do not like God. When we are afraid of people who do not like God's people, we are making people bigger in our eyes than God is.

Proverbs 29:25

*²⁵ The fear of man brings a snare,
but he who trusts in the LORD will be exalted.*

1. What is the danger of fearing man according to this verse?
2. List three ways you can choose to fear God instead of fearing man.
 - I can . . .
 - I can . . .
 - I can . . .

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Recite the following passage from
memory and fill in the blanks below.

Learning to fear God the right way takes a lifetime, and God's people have to keep choosing to fear and know God. In 1 Peter 1:17-21, Peter teaches us at least four truths about who God is and what He is like.

1 Peter 1:18-19

¹⁸Knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, ¹⁹but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.

1. Find the truths about God and fill in the blanks. The first two blanks describe what God is, and the second two list things that He has done.

God is a F_____ (1:17)

God is a J_____ of every man (1:17)

God r_____ us with the blood of Jesus (1:18-19)

God r_____ Jesus from the dead to make it possible for us to be saved (1:20-21)

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Recite the following passage from
memory and answer the questions below.

Other people may criticize and make fun of God's people, but God gives a gift: other Christians. Good Christian friends are hard to find so it is important to learn how to get along.

1 Peter 1:22

²²Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart.

1. The right kind of Christian love shows itself in three ways. List two of the three (first is listed as an example) and describe what each means.
 - Sincere -
 - ...
 - ...
2. How can you show Christian love to other Christians?
Christian teens:

Family members:

Toward leaders at teen club:

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Recite the verses below from memory.

1 Peter 1:24-25

²⁴For all flesh is like grass, and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flowers fall off ²⁵but the Word of the Lord endures forever.

Peter teaches some important truths about the Bible itself. He calls it the “Word of the Lord.”

1 Peter 2:1-3

*¹Therefore, putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander,
²like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation,
³if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.*

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