

## Week 1, 1 Peter 1:1-16

We want to focus on the **major themes** and **main principles** which center on: What we \_\_\_\_\_.  
What we \_\_\_\_\_. How we \_\_\_\_\_. Our goal is not to cover **every verse** or tackle **every argument**. Rather, our goal is to dive into the portions that can immediately help us:  
\_\_\_\_\_ our thinking. \_\_\_\_\_ our believing. \_\_\_\_\_ our living.

Notice how the concepts; **thinking, believing & living** are on display right away in 1 Peter 1:13-14  
*So **prepare your minds** for action and exercise self-control. **Put all your hope** in the gracious salvation that will come to you when Jesus Christ is revealed to the world. So you must **live as God's obedient children**.*

As you may have already noticed, *thinking correctly* \_\_\_\_\_ *believing effectively*. And, *believing effectively... precedes living obediently*.

**Thinking correctly** about the truth. We must have an \_\_\_\_\_ understanding of God's message.  
**Believing effectively** in God and in the Word of God. We must have a faith that \_\_\_\_\_ believes that the things of God are real and true.

**Living obediently** in submission to God's design, desire & will. We must live a kind of life that \_\_\_\_\_ the word of God to every & all aspects of our lives.

### Today we will focus on 1 Peter 1:1-16

In the opening section of the book Peter lays out the foundational pillars of a successful Christian life.  
Our incredible **SALVATION** Our hopeful **EXPECTATION** Our joyful **SATISFACTION** Our faithful **APPLICATION**

#### Our incredible **SALVATION** (3a, 5, 9-10)

The first thing that Peter wants us to think correctly about & believe effectively in is what God has done for us in **our great salvation**. Peter says that our salvation was brought about solely by God and his great mercy, displayed through the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ.

Peter says that the **prophets**, the **biblical writers** and even the **angels** longed to see and understand this incredible salvation that we are experiencing. Peter says that we can have a confident \_\_\_\_\_ that our souls will be saved and we too will be raised from the dead to live with God forever.

#### Steps we can take:

\_\_\_\_\_ **the basis of our salvation**. \_\_\_\_\_ the doctrines of sin & death, heaven & hell, the sacrificial system and God's historical plan for atonement and redemption.  
\_\_\_\_\_ mature away from the gospel. \_\_\_\_\_ a clear picture of salvation before you at all times. A great warning sign in the life of the believer should be a callousness towards the significance of Calvary.  
\_\_\_\_\_ of all the promises that are ours in Christ and read it daily, weekly.  
\_\_\_\_\_ of what you once were and who you now are because of Christ.

#### Our hopeful **EXPECTATION** (3b-4, 13)

The second thing that Peter wants us to think correctly about & believe effectively in is the incredible \_\_\_\_\_ that God has instore for us. Peter reminds the believers of the absolutely staggering reality of their eternal, good & perfect future and their amazing inheritance. Peter understands that this future inheritance should \_\_\_\_\_ within us **a great expectation**.

When we truly understand the implications of our future, and when we truly believe in the \_\_\_\_\_ of our eternal well-being, We will have \_\_\_\_\_ a spirit of expectation within us that will give us the motivation & power that we need for **obedient living**.

### Steps we can take:

\_\_\_\_\_ a clear picture of the future & eternity before us at all times.  
\_\_\_\_\_ more time looking to what is ahead & to what is invisible than we spend looking to what is past/present and to what is visible.  
\_\_\_\_\_ of all the things that God promises to do and be for the believer in the coming age.  
\_\_\_\_\_ yourself daily what is in store for those who believe (and those who don't believe) (especially when you're up against a temptation).  
\_\_\_\_\_ that whatever future reward that sin holds out pales in comparison to the future reward & joy that obedience to God holds out.

### Our joyful **SATISFACTION** (6, 8)

The third thing that Peter wants us to begin to experience is the true, deep & lasting **satisfaction, joy & happiness** that is available to those who understand their eternal future. Because we have such an incredible salvation and because we have been promised such a good and glorious eternal future... we should be those most happy people alive. This satisfaction should lead us to a glad, willful obedience to God. This joy should also empower us to endure the most difficult of situations because we have such an incredible future.

### Steps we can take:

\_\_\_\_\_ the level of joy, satisfaction, pleasure that you have when you are doing the will of the Lord.  
\_\_\_\_\_ the superior degree of happiness that you have when you are walking in close fellowship to the Lord.  
\_\_\_\_\_ of the level of pain, sorrow, guilt, regret etc. when you disobey the Lord, give into temptation or simply choose the easy, comfortable & selfish route.  
\_\_\_\_\_ and ask the Lord to give you a deep satisfaction in Him. \_\_\_\_\_ Him to help you not find superior happiness in following the ways of the world.

### Our faithful **APPLICATION** (13a, 14a, 15-16)

Peter says that **the knowledge** of our salvation, the **hopeful expectation** of our future and our **deep satisfaction** in God should lead us to **radical obedience** in applying the Word of God.

Peter says that the hallmark sign of **obedience** is a laser focused mind which \_\_\_\_\_ the body & will into disciplined, holy, self-control. Peter says that the hallmark sign of **disobedience** is a \_\_\_\_\_ approach to life, where the body & will are enslaved to our base, fleshly instincts & desires.

### Steps we can take:

\_\_\_\_\_ and ask the Lord to give you the discipline and self-control needed to submit to His Spirit over your spirit.  
\_\_\_\_\_ all of your thoughts, attitudes and actions through the sieve of what became true of you at salvation and what will be true of you in the coming future eternity.  
\_\_\_\_\_ and evaluate your thoughts, attitudes and actions... many times we aren't who want to be simply because we are moving so quickly and are victims of impromptu reactions and decisions.