

Reflection and Discussion Questions

1 Peter 1:13-21

1. Why is it helpful to know what the “therefore” in verse 13 is “there for”? How does the first part of chapter 1 serve as a foundation for Peter’s instructions for living?
2. How does the life, death and resurrection of Christ provide perspective for our current difficulties and trials?
3. How does the faithfulness of God to keep his promise to send the Messiah encourage you to “rest your hope fully on the grace that is to come”?
4. Look up the following verses and think about the contexts. How would being girded in these cases be helpful? How do these examples illuminate aspects of our Christian life?

Leviticus 8:6-7

Nehemiah 4:17-18

Luke 12:35-37

5. How does the “belt of truth” help you “gird up” your thoughts and emotions in order to bring them into obedience to Christ?

Give an example of how God’s Word has changed wrong thinking you’ve had in the past.

Are there parts of your current thought life that need to be tightened up and girded with truth?
Ephesians 6:14

6. How does remembering you were bought at a price impact the way you view obedience and encourage you to live a life like Jesus?
7. What is your first thought when you hear the word “holy”? Why is the Holy Spirit so important in living a holy life?
8. List some of the challenges Christians face in living a holy life in our world today.

How are you overcoming some of these challenges in practical ways?

Personal Reflection: Dear child of the King, when you look at your life do you experience a divine discontent with the extent to which you see his goodness, glory and love reflected in your life? Do you long to become more and more like Him as the Lord conforms you to the image of Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit? The promise for you is this, “He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.” Philippians 1:6

Questions for Deeper Study

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.” 2 Timothy 2:15

These questions are designed to help you study God’s Word. They are **optional**, but everyone is encouraged to use them to deepen their love for the Lord and His Word.

- Begin with prayer
- Read the passage several times
- Pick one question (more if you like) to answer and see how the Lord blesses your time of study

1. Briefly list the important facts stated in the passage.

- What is one of the main themes of this passage?

2. Define any unclear or unknown words.

3. Context is important! Read several verses before and after the passage. How do these verses add to your understanding of the passage?

4. What would this passage have meant to its original audience back in biblical times?

5. What does this passage teach about God?

6. How does this passage apply to you?

- Is there a command to obey?
- A promise for your present circumstances?