

# I & II PETER

---

A MESSAGE FOR TODAY'S CHURCH  
FROM PETER THE APOSTLE

MIKE MAZZALONGO

## STUDENT WORKBOOK

bibleTalk<sup>TV</sup>



DOWNLOAD  
OUR APP



Copyright 2022 BibleTalk.tv

All our material is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike License. This means you can use it almost however you need. The only thing you can't do is re-sell it.

**Download it. Print it. Teach it. Share it.**

## Table of Contents

<b>1. The Meaning of Grace: Security</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>2. The Meaning of Grace: Sobriety</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>3. The Meaning of Grace: Submission</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>4. The Meaning of Grace: Suffering</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>5. The Meaning of Grace: Service</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>6. Peter's Last Sermon</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>7. Beware of False Teachers</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>8. Don't Worry, Be Ready</b>	<b>32</b>

# I & II Peter

## *A Message for Today's Church from Peter the Apostle*

---

### **Mike Mazzalongo**

Fisherman, Apostle, Elder, Martyr. The unique experience of Peter forms his teachings on the power of God's grace and the urgent need of the church to prepare for the return of Christ in all ages. From an ancient source comes a relevant message for the modern Christian.



**[bibletalk.tv/peter](https://bibletalk.tv/peter)**

# 1. The Meaning of Grace: Security

This introductory lesson on Peter's first epistle examines the many facets of Peter's life and begins exploring the different meanings this Apostle attributed to God's grace. (I Peter 1:1-12)

---

---

**Intro - We are studying how Peter described the meaning of grace in this epistle.**

## What Grace Isn't

There are various false ideas about what God's grace is:

1. Liberalism - \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Permissiveness - \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Worldliness - \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Premeditation - \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## I Peter 1:1-2 - Introduction

---

---

Vs. 1

---

---

---

Vs. 2 – Peter offers a blessing upon his readers and gives the reason why they should receive it.

A. 

---

---

---

B. 

---

---

---

C. 

---

---

---

D. 

---

---

---

## Grace Means Security – vs. 3-12

In verses 3-5 Peter explains that since salvation and the grace that flows from it comes from God, it is therefore secure.

---

---

---

---

Vs. 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 4-5 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 6-9 – Remaining faithful while waiting for the gifts of grace does reveal things:

A. Confirms \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

B. Honors \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

C. Guarantees \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 10-12 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Summary**

When we think of God's grace, we should think \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

1. Grace comes \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Grace grows \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Grace lasts \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If you have received the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, you can be \_\_\_\_\_ of your salvation.



## 2. The Meaning of Grace: Sobriety

This lesson demonstrates how grace produces a new sobriety in one's soul and the natural spiritual outcome of this new influence. (I Peter 1:13-2:10)

---

---

**Intro - Peter defined the meaning of "grace" in various ways.**

---

---

Grace takes on new meaning for those exposed to it. \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

In our previous study we said that for Peter grace meant \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

### **Grace Means Sobriety – 1:13-2:10**

There are many misunderstandings of the idea of grace. \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

---

---

For Peter the idea of grace meant not only a sense of \_\_\_\_\_

but also a demand for \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

---

---

This sobriety manifests itself in four different ways:

1. It manifests itself in \_\_\_\_\_ 1:13-16.

---

---

Vs. 13 \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

Vs. 14-16 \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

2. Sobriety manifests itself in \_\_\_\_\_ 1:17-21.

---

---

Vs. 17-21 \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

3. Sobriety manifests itself in \_\_\_\_\_ 1:22-25.

---

---

Vs. 22-25 \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

4. Sobriety manifests itself in \_\_\_\_\_ 2:1-10.

---

---

Vs. 1-5 \_\_\_\_\_

---

Vs. 6-10 \_\_\_\_\_

---

### **Summary**

The grace of God is at work before, during and after our salvation.

Before \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

During \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

After \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

Where does God's grace need to enter your life today?

---

---

---

---

### 3. The Meaning of Grace: Submission

Peter continues to describe the very real effects of grace on a Christian's character by cultivating a more submissive heart. (I Peter 2:1-3:7)

---

---

**Intro - Submission is not a socially or culturally popular idea in our culture.**

---

---

---

In this epistle Peter says that the experience of God's grace will eventually create a person who: \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

#### **Rebellion vs. Submission**

The root of all problems is rebellion. \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

---

Peter refers to the spirit of rebellion that exists in sinful people who resist every kind of authority and secretly desire to do only what they want to do. \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

---

---

Submission includes two actions:

1. Recognition \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Willingness \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Peter says that when a person experiences God's saving grace, that grace neutralizes that rebellious spirit and that person is able to:

- A. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- B. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### **Grace Means Submission - 2:11-3:17**

1. Grace means submission to \_\_\_\_\_ 2:11-17

Vs. 11-12 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 13-17 - How and why are Christians to submit to civil authority?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Grace means submission to \_\_\_\_\_ 2:18-25

Slavery at that time was similar to employee/employer relationships today.

---

---

Vs. 18 \_\_\_\_\_

---

Vs. 19-20 \_\_\_\_\_

---

Vs. 21-25 \_\_\_\_\_

---

3. Grace means submission in the \_\_\_\_\_ 3:1-7

Vs. 1 \_\_\_\_\_

---

Vs. 2-6 – Peter details the character of the submissive wife:

A. \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

B. \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

C. \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

Vs. 7 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Summary**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## 4. The Meaning of Grace: Suffering

Peter continues to list the various ways God's grace affects Christians. In this section, he describes the suffering many Christians experience because of their faith and how to properly respond when it does. (I Peter 3:8-4:19)

---

---

**Intro - We are studying the various meanings that Peter ascribes to the idea of grace in his first epistle.** \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

When speaking of grace, Peter is referring to two possible things:

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

He mentions several ways that God's grace affects man's soul:

A. Security \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

B. Sobriety \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

C. Submission \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

---

---



At this point, there is a pause as Peter explains another area of grace.

**Grace and the Church – 3:8-12**

---

---

Vs. 8 \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

Vs. 9 \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

Vs. 10-12 – This is a quote from Psalm 34 and Peter uses it to remind his readers of two things.

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Grace Means Suffering – 3:13-4:19**

---

---

---

- Matthew 5:10-12 \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

Peter tells them that those who suffer persecution in the name of Christ should remember several important things:

1. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ vs. 13-14

---

---

2. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ vs. 15-16

---

---

3. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ vs. 17-22

---

---

Vs. 17-20 \_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 21-22 \_\_\_\_\_

The main idea here is that we should be prepared to suffer for Christ because this is pleasing to God and this produces spiritual benefits when it happens. \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

---

1. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ 4:1-6

---

---

---

2. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ vs. 7-11

---

---

---

3. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ vs. 12-19

---

---

---

In the end the way to cope with suffering is to trust God completely for two reasons:

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

### **Summary**

Peter explains that grace also leads us to suffering at times and when it does we need to remember:

1. Don't \_\_\_\_\_

2. Don't \_\_\_\_\_

3. Don't \_\_\_\_\_

4. Don't \_\_\_\_\_

5. Don't \_\_\_\_\_

6. Don't \_\_\_\_\_

To these I add one more idea:

7. Don't \_\_\_\_\_

## 5. The Meaning of Grace: Service

In this final lesson from Peter's first epistle, Mike will review the last of grace's enabling features, Christian service and how Peter says that the leaders of the church should embody this virtue. (I Peter 5:1-14)

---

---

**Intro - Peter understood the meaning of grace in both of its main contexts.**

---

---

A. Grace in Christ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

B. Grace in man

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_

D. \_\_\_\_\_

E. \_\_\_\_\_

### Grace Means Servant-Leaders

We've truly been "saved to serve." \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Peter doesn't describe the work of an elder because he assumes everyone is familiar with the elder's role as servant leader. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 1-4 – Peter exhorts the “elders”

A. Shepherd/Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

B. Bishop/Overseer \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

C. Elder/Presbyter \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Based on his role as inspired apostle and experience as an elder, he teaches how the grace of God affects those who serve as leaders of the church.

1. Shepherd \_\_\_\_\_ vs. 2a

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Shepherd \_\_\_\_\_ vs. 2b

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Shepherd \_\_\_\_\_ vs. 3

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Shepherd \_\_\_\_\_ vs. 4

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### **Grace Also Means a Responsible Congregation – vs. 5-11**

Elders don't lead in a vacuum \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 5a \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 5b \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 6-1- In these verses Peter gives reasons why all of this is necessary:

1. God loves \_\_\_\_\_ vs. 6-7  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. The devil \_\_\_\_\_ vs. 8  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. This attitude \_\_\_\_\_ vs. 9-10  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Doxology - vs. 11**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Salutation - vs. 12-14

Vs. 12 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 13 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 14 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Summary

This epistle teaches us two things about grace:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

Your time has been well spent if: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## 6. Peter's Last Sermon

In II Peter, the Apostle writes a final letter before his execution in Rome, and in it, he instructs the church concerning the spiritual development they must have to truly experience the Christian life and hope of heaven.

(II Peter 1:1-11)

---

---

**Intro - Peter's second letter reflects the changes in his personal circumstances.**

---

---

Peter was in Rome in 67 AD \_\_\_\_\_

---

His final instructions to the church are in this letter.

**Grow** \_\_\_\_\_ **1:1-11**

Peter reminds them that Christianity is a process, a journey, a transformation.

---

---

---

Vs. 1 - He introduces himself and the relationship he and his readers have. \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

---

---



Vs. 2-4 – He offers a blessing and explains how his readers come into this blessing.

Vs. 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 4 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 5-11 – Peter explains how the knowledge of God and Christ is developed. He says that it is a cooperative effort:

1. God creates \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Christ came to earth \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Man responds \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In vs. 5-11, he explains man's part in knowing God and how this effects his life and salvation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 5-7 – You cannot know God if you’re lukewarm about it. After establishing attitude, Peter lists 7 pairs of virtues that when pursued, lead us to a fuller knowledge of God.

1. Faith and moral excellence \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Moral excellence and knowledge \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Knowledge and self-control \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Self-control and perseverance \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Perseverance and godliness \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. Godliness and brotherly kindness \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. Brotherly kindness and love \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 8-9 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 10-11 – A final word of encouragement

A. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Summary**

This is not just theological speculation:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Wherever you're at, this lesson is a reminder that:

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## 7. Beware of False Teachers

Peter continues his last letter to the church by emphasizing the important role of God's word in the development of the Christian character and the need to be on guard for those who would teach false things in God's name. (II Peter 1:12-2:22)

---

---

**Intro - We are studying the last of Peter's communication with the church.**

His main point in the opening chapter was \_\_\_\_\_

---

Peter goes on from this to talk about two things that concern them in the here and now.

### **The Inspiration of God's Word - 1:12-21**

Romans 10:17 \_\_\_\_\_

---

Peter wants to assure them that the basis for their spiritual growth is sure.

Vs. 12-14 - The gospel is not a "new idea" for them \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

Vs. 15-18 - This letter will serve as a constant reminder after he is gone \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

Vs. 19 - The apostles have both the Word of the prophets and the eyewitness of their fulfillment in Christ. \_\_\_\_\_

---

Vs. 20-21 – The Holy Spirit “inspired” the prophets. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Beware of False Teachers – 2:1-22**

Since the Word is the source of faith and foundation for growth, it will be a target for Satan to destroy. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 1-3 – Israel had false prophets, it’s no different for the church. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 4-6 God punished false prophets and others in the past as a way of demonstrating the judgement to come. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 7-9 – God deals with obedient and disobedient in times of evil and temptation \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 10-22 – Peter describes the character and actions of false teachers that have and will always plague the church until Jesus comes. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 10-11 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 12-13a \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 13b-14 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 15-16 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 17 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 18-19 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 20-22 – Peter rebukes the false teachers as well as those who fall victim to them.

He says three things:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

### **Summary**

These warnings were written 2000 years ago but are relevant in warning us today.

1. Stick to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Beware of \_\_\_\_\_.

Both Peter and Paul identify a list of things that identify one as a false teacher.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

God will \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

Now, as it was then, the apostles taught specific things concerning the manner in which one was saved.

- Romans 10:17; Acts 2:1-37 \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

- Acts 8:37; Matthew 10:32 \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

- Mark. 16:16; Acts 2:38 \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

- Matthew 10:22; Revelation 2-3 \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

- I John 1:7-9 \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

## 8. Don't Worry, Be Ready

In the final chapter of Peter's letter, the Apostle provides the way Christians in every era should respond to discouragement and persecution.

(II Peter 3:1-18)

---

---

**Intro - In this epistle Peter reviews some key ideas that he hopes the church will remember and use after he's gone.** \_\_\_\_\_

So far he has given them three:

1. Grow or \_\_\_\_\_

It's not just about "coming to church," it's about growing as a member of the church

2. The Scriptures are \_\_\_\_\_

Peter reminds them that he and the other Apostles had actually "seen" the fulfillment of the prophecies and miracles by Jesus. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Be careful of \_\_\_\_\_



Be careful to compare and judge their teachers & teachings according to

- A. \_\_\_\_\_
- B. \_\_\_\_\_
- C. \_\_\_\_\_

**Don't Be Discouraged, Be** \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

First century Christians lived at a time of persecution. \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

Being ready meant two things:

**1. Being** \_\_\_\_\_ **- vs. 1-13**

Vs. 1-2 \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

Vs. 3-7 \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

Vs. 8-9 \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

Peter says two things about this:

A. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 10 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 11-13 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**2. Being \_\_\_\_\_ - vs. 14-18**

You cannot be faithful without being fruitful \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

You must not just \_\_\_\_\_ until the end, you must also \_\_\_\_\_ until the end.

Vs. 14-15a \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 15b-17 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 18 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## Summary

Peter finishes his last sermon to an embattled church with a clear call to face opposition by being ready, not discouraged.

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

What will our response be?

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

## **BibleTalk.tv is an Internet Mission Work.**

We provide textual Bible teaching material on our website and mobile apps for free. We enable churches and individuals all over the world to have access to high quality Bible materials for personal growth, group study or for teaching in their classes.

The goal of this mission work is to spread the gospel to the greatest number of people using the latest technology available. For the first time in history it is becoming possible to preach the gospel to the entire world at once. BibleTalk.tv is an effort to preach the gospel to all nations every day until Jesus returns.

The Choctaw Church of Christ in Oklahoma City is the sponsoring congregation for this work and provides the oversight for the BibleTalk ministry team. If you would like information on how you can support this ministry, please go to the link provided below.

**[bibletalk.tv/support](http://bibletalk.tv/support)**



66

BibleTalk.tv is one of the **most-prolific uploaders** on Amazon Prime Video with more videos than any major Hollywood studio except Paramount Pictures.

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.