

## **1 Peter 1:3-9**

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Why did Peter's readers need to be encouraged? (verse 1: where were they and how were they doing)
2. How is the situation Peter's audience found themselves in like the situation the disciples found themselves in after Jesus' crucifixion? See John 20:19; Mark 16:14
3. The antidote to the believer's despair is connected with what happened to Jesus Christ (verse 3). How is this living hope connected with Jesus? See Revelation 1:18 and Luke 20:38
4. How is the historic fact of Christ's resurrection affirmed in the believers? 1 Cor. 15:20; Romans 8:11. How does God's redemption comfort our sorrows and bring hope to our struggles? Romans 8:35-39
5. Christ's resurrection lays the foundation for our future inheritance. See verse 4. How is this inheritance different from what the world considers important? How does this spiritual inheritance encourage us? See Ephesians 1:12-14.
6. What protects us in the meantime until our souls are reunited with our glorified bodies? See verse 5, Psalm 37:23-24, and John 10:28-30
7. Why are believers to have a different attitude about trials and difficulties? Compare verse 6 with James 1:2, 9.
8. How can a believer undergoing trials prove their faith genuine? Compare verse 7 with 2 Cor. 12:9-10. To what does Peter compare the process of sanctification? 1 Cor. 3:13; Isaiah 48:10; Zechariah 13:9. What is burned away in the life of believers; what is being refined? James 1:21
9. What strengthens our faith as we await the Lord's return in glory? (verses 8-9) Hebrews 11:13; 2 Cor 5:7; 1 John 4:20; Habakkuk 3:16-17
10. Write a letter to an imaginary friend facing an overwhelming situation. Use the main points in Peter's teaching to bring God's truth home to their hearts so they see God's purpose in this and persevere in the faith.