

STUDY GUIDE

First and Second Peter

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1. To what category of epistles do the books of Peter belong? Give two explanations for such a classification.
2. What is the basis of the questioning of Peter's authorship of First Peter? Who is thought to have possibly written First Peter? Why?
3. Each of Paul's epistles had a specific recipient. Who were the recipients of First Peter?
4. What were the general circumstances behind the writing of First Peter?
5. What is a possible explanation for Nero's persecution of the early Christians?
6. What are some of the great fundamental Christian ideas expressed in First Peter?
7. What are three characteristics of our inheritance?
8. According to Peter, what did the prophets enquire into?
9. Identify four stages of a man's apprehension of Christ.
10. Give three characteristics of the Christ-filled life?
11. What are three things that Peter says about the traits of a godly wife?
12. What is a woman's *true* adornment?
13. In the ancient world, the relationship between a man and his wife was one-sided. In what way did the early Church differ in this position? Give an example.
14. What does Peter say must be done if one is to "love life" and "see good days"?
15. What is Peter's general conclusion about the sufferings of a Christian?
16. What is the teaching that Jesus descended into hell?
17. There are differing attitudes concerning Jesus' descent into hell. Identify three such attitudes.
18. Contrast Peter's teaching of baptism against the backdrop of Noah's flood.
19. What are three things Peter says about baptism?
20. Give three explanations for the statement "he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin."
21. First Peter 4:6 speaks of "preaching to the dead." Give three possible meanings of this passage.
22. It has been almost two thousand years since a reference was made to "the time is near" (or the time is at hand). There are four ways of looking at this statement. What are they?
23. What does it mean to be "sober-minded"?
24. There are three possible meanings associated with the statement "love hides a multitude of sins." What are these meanings?
25. Identify two specific things Peter says about persecution.
26. What is meant by "judgment must begin at the house of God"?
27. Give a brief description of the function of elders in Jewish culture.
28. Peter speaks of two general duties of elders. What are they?
29. What should be the relationship between elders and the flock?
30. In the conclusion of the first epistle of Peter, Peter refers to Marcus his son. Who was he possibly speaking of?
31. What is the general purpose of the writing of Second Peter?

32. Briefly describe the background of Second Peter in terms of canonicity.
33. Why is it thought that First and Second Peter were written by two different men?
34. Give three arguments against Peter's authorship of Second Peter.
35. Give five characteristics of men whom Second Peter rebukes.
36. What is meant by "antinomians?"
37. How is grace and peace multiplied unto us?
38. What is a way that we as Christians can be fruitful in the knowledge of Jesus?
39. What is the final virtue that Peter mentions in his list of virtues that are to be added to each other?
40. What specific event is Peter referring to when he speaks of being an eyewitness of Jesus' majesty?
41. What do you think Peter means by "having a more sure word of prophecy?"
42. How did prophecy come to men of old?
43. Name a major characteristic of false prophets or false teachers that Peter makes reference to in Second Peter.
44. What was the fate of the angels that sinned?
45. Give three examples that Peter gives concerning sin and its destruction (2 Peter chapter 2).
46. What does Peter say concerning those who despise government?
47. What does Peter say about "bringing railing accusations?"
48. What has been the role of "the holy kiss" throughout Church history?
49. What is a basic difference between "teaching" and "preaching."
50. How does Peter explain the delay of Christ's return?
51. Describe the earth that was, the earth that is, and the earth that is to be.
52. What is the purpose of the flood and the fire as it relates to the earth? Are they given to destroy and to restore?
53. Give three examples of the fire of God throughout the scriptures.
54. Peter likens the evil men of his time to the prophet Balaam. Give two characteristics of Balaam.
55. Peter's reference to Paul's writings can tell us much about these letters of Paul as they related to the early Church. What are three conclusions that can be drawn?