1 Peter – AK 08

COMMENTER'S GUIDE

WRITE IT OUT!

(On Scannable Single Page Answer Sheets Only)

These 2 additional questions, not found in the exam booklet are designed to make the student dig into the Biblical text and show they understand the Biblical principles studied throughout the course.

Questions 1 – According to The First Letter of Peter, when you suffer as a Christian, how do you bring glory to God?

1 - POSSIBLE ANSWERS

Suffering for doing what is right and following Christ brings glory to God in several ways. It shows that obeying God is more important than physical safety. Following Him is more important the believer than avoiding suffering. Also, it is walking in the example left for us by Christ. When we suffer in the same way He did we show His character and glory at work within us. Lastly, suffering refines our character and develops us more into the likeness of Christ.

1 - HELPFUL COMMENTS

1 - VERSES

Questions 2 – What does Peter mean when he says that the church is a *holy priesthood*? **2 - POSSIBLE ANSWERS**

In the OT, the office of priest was reserved for special men in a specific family. These priests served as mediators between God and the people. In the NT we have direct access to God through the Lord Jesus CHrist. As priests we can offer spiritual sacrifices of praise, our bodies, possession and finances.

2 - HELPFUL COMMENTS

2 - VERSES

Matthew 27:51

Hebrew 10.12

Hebrews 4:14

Hebrews 13:15-16

Romans 12:1-2

Philippians 4:18

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

These questions are designed to help the student express their thoughts, feelings, and opinions about something they have learned from the chapter.

EXAM 1 – Imagine yourself to be one of these displaced Christians in 1st century Asia Minor. What are you hoping this letter of Peter's is going to do for you?

1 - COMMENTS

• I hope you do find encouragement as you study this course. God saves us then keeps us in a fallen world. It can be frustrating because we want to get to heaven but He wants to use us to show His glory, to be used by God to reflect His glory. What a privilege! I hope you can see how God is using you today.

1 - VERSES

- Rom. 8:16-17 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.
- Matt. 5:11-12 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- Acts 2:23 God has a prearranged plan for each of us.

EXAM 2 – How do you think trials and difficulties can reveal the genuineness of faith? 2 - COMMENTS

- God saved us and gives us the gift of the Holy Spirit. Isn't it amazing to have God want to tug us back to fellowship!? He wants us back! He doesn't want us to live in the world alone, so He also gave us the Church, a community of believers that should encourage us to be more Christ like. God knows us well.
- Our faith is shown by how we respond.
 - Do we throw up our hands and give up?
 - Do we blame God or others around us?
 - Or do we persevere, always looking to God for strength and hope?

If the last one is how we react, then we bring glory to our God.

2 - VERSES

- <u>Isa. 26:3-4</u> You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.
- Rom. 4:20-21 He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.
- Ps. 9:10 Those who know Your name will put their trust in You; for You, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You.
- <u>James 1:2-3</u> Count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.

EXAM 3 – How has your conduct conformed to God's holy standards since you were first saved?

3 - COMMENTS

You are accepted by God once you trusted in Jesus Christ for your salvation. Your
motivation to live according to God's holy standard is out of thankfulness and worship to
Him. We are not doing good works to be saved, we do good work to honor and thank
God for saving us through the blood of Jesus Christ. What an amazing privilege to serve
God knowing He loves you always.

3 - VERSES

- 1 Thess. 4:1-9 Our conduct that we should walk in.
- Rom. 12:1-2 Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.
- Rom. 12:9-20 Behave Like a Christian
- <u>2 Tim. 2:21</u> Be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.

EXAM 4 – Which one of the privileges mentioned in this chapter is the most meaningful to you, and why?

4 - COMMENTS

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4 - VERSES

- Eph. 1:4 He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love.
- Eph. 2:18 Through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.
- <u>Heb. 4:14-16</u> Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession...that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
- Heb. 10:19-23 Having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus...let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

EXAM 5 – Have you ever had the experience of being mistreated? What was your attitude, and with what result?

5 - COMMENTS

• God forgives sins. He can redeem anything mistakes we make. Continue to ask God to soften your heart when you are mistreated and to love your enemies.

5 - VERSES

- Rom. 12:17-21 Repay no one evil for evil...Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.
- Rom. 8:18 The suffering in this world is not comparable to future glory.

- <u>1 Peter 3:8-9</u> All of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; not returning evil for evil.
- <u>2 Tim. 2:12</u> If we suffer, we will also reign.

EXAM 6 – Have you had the opportunity to stand for Christ in a hostile situation? What did you say or do?

6 - COMMENTS

Only the power of the Gospel can cause someone to speak in love to a hostile attacker.
 God is real and you can see it through believers when they love the people that mistreat them

6 - VERSES

- Rom. 1:16 I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes.
- Ps. 40:9-10 I have proclaimed the good news of righteousness in the great assembly; indeed, I do not restrain my lips.
- <u>2 Cor. 6:7-9</u> Faithfully preach the truth.
- Matt. 10:32-33 Whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

EXAM 7 – With respect to the directions given in verses 7-11 to ready yourself for "the end of all things," how are you measuring up?

7 - COMMENTS

• Our hopes are in the promises we see in the Bible. This world is not all there is. We can live knowing we are not "home" yet and our life is not our own. We can live in freedom from sin and of guilt through the blood of Jesus Christ. Our daily troubles can be given to God and we can hope in His promise that He is coming back soon!

7 - VERSES

- Matt. 24:42-44 Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.
- <u>Luke 21:36</u> Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.
- Eph. 6:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit.
- <u>2 Tim. 4:5</u> Be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.
- Rev. 16:15 Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame.

EXAM 8 – What have you learned in this final chapter of the course that will help

you live as a pilgrim in this hostile world?

8 - COMMENTS

• Isn't it incredible how many topics are covered in this short book. Praise the Lord you saw different truths in your life that you can apply to your life!

8 - VERSES

- <u>1 Cor. 15:56-58</u> The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.
- 1 John 5:4 Whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.
- Rom. 8:37 In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.