

U N M I S T A K A B L E

LESSONS FOR LIFE FROM 1 PETER

#1 - UNMISTAKABLE CONFIDENCE

From Peter, an apostle of Jesus the Anointed One, to the chosen ones who have been scattered abroad like “seed” into the nations living as refugees, to those living in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia. 1 Peter 1:1

I AM ABLE TO HAVE UNMISTAKABLE CONFIDENCE KNOWING THAT...

1. GOD HAS _____ TO BE A PART OF HIS _____ !

God planned long ago to choose you and to make you his holy people, which is the Spirit's work... 1 Peter 1:2a (LB)

All honor to God, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; for it is his boundless mercy that has given us the privilege of being born again so that we are now members of God's own family. Now we live in the hope of eternal life because Christ rose again from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3a (TLB)

As for us, we can't help but thank God for you, dear brothers and sisters loved by the Lord. We are always thankful that God chose you to be among the first to experience salvation—a salvation that came through the Spirit who makes you holy and through your belief in the truth.¹⁴ He called you to salvation when we told you the Good News; now you can share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Thessalonians 2:13, 14 (NLT)

2. GOD HAS BEEN AND IS _____ !

...And the Holy Spirit has been at work in your hearts, cleansing you with the blood of Jesus Christ and making you to please him. 1 Peter 1:2b (LB)

From one man God made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands.²⁷ God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. Acts 17:26, 27 (NIV)

2 Benefits that come because God is working in my life:

*May God bless you richly and grant you increasing freedom from all anxiety and fear. **1 Peter 1:2c** (LB)*

*Be glad about this, even though it may now be necessary for you to be sad for a while because of the many kinds of trials you suffer. ⁷ Their purpose is to prove that your faith is genuine. Even gold... is tested by fire; and so your faith...must also be tested, that it may endure. Then you will receive praise ... and honor on the Day when Jesus returns **1 Peter 1:6, 7** (GNB)*

*These troubles and sufferings of ours are, after all, quite small and won't last very long. Yet this short time of distress will result in God's richest blessing upon us forever and ever! **2 Corinthians 4:17** (TLB)*

3. GOD HAS _____ !

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant and boundless mercy has caused us to be born again [that is, to be reborn from above--spiritually transformed, renewed, and set apart for His purpose] to an ever-living hope and confident assurance through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ into an inheritance which is imperishable [beyond the reach of change] and undefiled and unfading, reserved in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected and shielded by the power of God through your faith for salvation that is ready to be revealed [for you] in the last time. **1 Peter 1:3-5** (NLT)*

*Because you know this, you have great joy. You have joy even though you may have had to suffer for a little while. You may have had to suffer sadness in all kinds of trouble. **1 Peter 1:6** (NIRV)*

*We think you ought to know, dear brothers and sisters, about the trouble we went through in the province of Asia. We were crushed and overwhelmed beyond our ability to endure, and we thought we would never live through it. ⁹ In fact, we expected to die. But as a result, we stopped relying on ourselves and learned to rely only on God, who raises the dead. ¹⁰ And He did rescue us from mortal danger, and He will rescue us again. We have placed our confidence in Him **2 Corinthians 1:8-10** (NLT)*

*...Do you realize how fortunate you are? Angels would have given anything to be in on this! **1 Peter 1:12b** (TM)*