

Understanding I and II Peter —

Striving to Obtain the Outcome of Faith

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You greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,
obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls. (1 Peter 1:8b, 9)

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Welcome!

Welcome to this twelve week study entitled ***UNDERSTANDING I and II PETER — STRIVING TO OBTAIN THE OUTCOME OF FAITH***. This study is designed to help you understand the goal of your faith, and to warn you to stand firm against the false teachers of our day.

It would be best for you to have already taken the foundational study in this series UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE — BIBLICAL SURVEY. This foundational survey study overviews the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and gives a person not only the foundation of Scripture, but also the building blocks one needs to understand how Scriptures fit together into a big picture. Having said that, however, you may find yourself in a place wherein you have not taken the Biblical survey. If that is the case, please do not miss the first three video lectures in this study. These lectures lay a skeletal foundation and overview of the big picture of Scripture. It would also be a good idea for you to spend some one on one time with someone who has taken the survey study, until you get a handle of this foundation and overall scope.

This study on the epistles of Peter is part of an ongoing series contained in the UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE — BIBLICAL SURVEY. It is a study that is progressive, and is taught *precept upon precept, line upon line*, as all of Scripture should be taught. There is a beginning point in the Bible and an ending point, and everything falling between these two points fits together into an overall scheme, all pointing progressively toward an already established culmination. Scripture has been fitted together by God, with a specified purpose in mind. And they need to be studied according to the way in which God gave it.

The first letter Peter wrote deals with the *goal of our faith — the salvation of the soul* (I Pe. 1:9), as it relates to testings, trials and sufferings. The second letter Peter wrote deals with maturity in our faith resulting in an abundant entrance in the coming kingdom of Christ (II Pe. 1:5-11), and warns against the destructive teachings of false teachers, which potentially can cause one to fall from his steadfastness (II Pe. 3:17).

I want to encourage you to study well. Give yourself to the Lord for these twelve weeks, bathing your mind with His Word. Study it. Meditate upon it. Allow God's Word to transform you, changing you from the inside out. And as you pray for yourself, pray for the others in your group. Hold each other up daily, being of one mind and one spirit.

Having said all of that...I welcome you.

Cindy

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