

Answering Life's Big Questions

A Bible study in 1 Peter



Lesson 3: Where am I headed?
What awaits me at the end?

Review:

Lesson 1 - Peter's emphasis is on God as our

Lesson 2 - Our fundamental identity is

The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and *fellow heirs with Christ*, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

(Romans 8:16-17)

This mystery is that the Gentiles are *fellow heirs, members of the same body*, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Ephesians 3:6)

Who am I?

I am a mercifully born-again, cherished child of God and fellow heir with Christ.

Where am I headed? What awaits me at the end?

I am headed to eternal life. An imperishable, undefiled, unfading heavenly inheritance awaits me.

What do I inherit along with Jesus; what is my inheritance in Christ?

1. We inherit _____.

Jesus said: Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. (John 14:19)

“Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. (John 17:1-3)

Peter echoed: I Peter 1:3, 4:6, 5:10

2. We inherit _____.

Jesus said: You are clean. (John 13:10)
Already you are clean because of the word I have spoken to you. (John 15:3)
Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. (John 17:17)

Peter echoed: I Peter 1:14-16, 1:22, 2:24, 2:8

3. We inherit _____ and _____.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. . . For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. . . grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. (John 1:14, 16-17)

Jesus said: And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. . . The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one. (John 17:5, 22)

Peter echoed: I Peter 1:10, 1:13, 5:1, 5:4, 5:10

4. We inherit the _____.

Jesus said: ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. . . ²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. . . ²³ Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.” (John 14:16-17, 20, 23)

Peter echoed: I Peter 4:14

5. **We inherit the _____ of God, taught to us by the _____ of God through the _____ of God.**

Jesus said: For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. (John 17:8)

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. (John 14:26)

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth. . . (John 16:13)

Peter echoed: I Peter 1:12, 1:23, 1:25

6. **We inherit the ability to _____ others with the _____ of Jesus.**

Jesus said: I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them. (John 17:26)

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. (John 13:34)

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. . . This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. (John 15:9, 12)

Peter echoed: I Peter 1:22-23, 4:8

7. **We inherit the _____ of Jesus, especially in _____.**

Jesus said: These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. (John 15:11)

So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. (John 16:22)

But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. (John 17:13)

Peter echoed: I Peter 1:6, 1:8, 4:13

8. We inherit the _____ of Jesus, especially in _____.

Jesus said: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. (John 14:27)

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. (John 16:33)

Peter echoed: I Peter 1:2, 3:14, 5:7, 5:14

Points 6, 7, and 8 all are specific examples of a larger truth: We inherit the _____ of Jesus!

9. We inherit the _____ enjoyed by the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Jesus said: Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. . . I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. (John 17:11, 20-23)

Peter echoed: I Peter 3:8

10. We inherit Jesus' example of _____ and the promise of blessing in _____.

Jesus said: If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. (John 13:14-17)

Peter echoed: I Peter 4:10, 3:8-9

11. We also inherit Jesus' example of _____ and the promise of blessing in _____.

I Peter 2:21, 3:14, 4:13-14

12. We inherit _____ status in the world.

Jesus said: They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. (John 17:16)

Peter echoed: I Peter 1:1, 2:11

13. We inherit the _____ of Jesus and the _____ of the world.

Jesus said: If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. . . Remember the word that I said to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. (John 15:18, 20)

I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. (John 17:14)

Peter echoed: I Peter 2:12, 2:19-21, 4:12-14

14. We inherit a commission of _____ to the world.

Jesus said: As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. (John 17:18)

Peter echoed: I Peter 2:9

Memory verse:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you. (I Peter 1:3-4)

Lesson 3 Study Questions

Day 1 - Read Mark 10:28-31

1. How does Peter describe the cost of his discipleship?

2. Explain how Jesus can promise that in this life those who leave family to follow Him will inherit 100-fold.

3. According to verse 30, what goes along with the inheritance in this life of houses, family, and lands?

4. What is the ultimate inheritance in the age to come?

Day 2 - Read I Corinthians 6:9-11

1. According to Paul, what general category of people are barred from inheriting the kingdom of God?

2. What specific sins disqualify a person from inheriting the kingdom of God?

3. Have you ever committed any of the sins in that list?

4. Why is the inheritance situation not as hopeless as it seems from verses 9 and 10? _____

5. How does Colossians 1:12-14 describe what God did to qualify us to share in His inheritance?

Day 3 - Read Romans 4:13-17, 8:14-23

1. What qualified Abraham to be an heir of the world (4:13)?

2. What does not qualify people to be heirs (4:14)?

3. What do you inherit if you keep the law apart from faith (4:15)?

4. What qualifies us to inherit the guaranteed promise (4:16)?

5. In 8:15, what phrase does Paul use to describe our new birth? _____

6. What roles does the Holy Spirit play in our new birth (8:14-16)? _____

7. What is the prerequisite for a person to be an heir of God (8:17)? _____

8. What inheritance follows suffering in 8:17-18?

9. What else is part of our inheritance according to 8:23?

Day 4 - I Peter themes in Ephesians

Ephesians echoes several of the main themes we have seen so far in I Peter. For these questions, refer back to Lesson 1.

1. What I Peter truths about who God is are echoed in Ephesians 1:2-3, 2:4, 3:14? _____

2. What I Peter truth about God's nature is echoed in Ephesians 1:19-20, 3:20? _____

3. What actions of God, emphasized by Peter, are also emphasized by Paul in Ephesians?

Verses in Ephesians	Actions of God taught in I Peter
1:4-5	
1:7	
5:25-27	
1:13-14	
1:20-22, 2:6	

4. What does Paul say we were predestined for in Ephesians 1:5 and 1:11? _____

5. What I Peter truth about our identity is echoed in Ephesians 1:5 and 5:1? _____

Day 5 - The inheritance in Ephesians

1. Read the following verses from Ephesians and identify in them facets of our inheritance seen in this lesson:

Ephesians verses	Our inheritance
1:4, 4:24, 5:25-27	
2:7	
1:13-14, 2:22, 3:17	
1:10, 4:3-6, 4:13	
4:13, 15	

2. Which element of our inheritance does Paul pray for more of in Ephesians 1:17-18? _____

3. What two words does Paul use to describe our inheritance in Ephesians 1:18?

4. In Ephesians 3:1-6, Paul talks about a hidden mystery that God revealed to him. What is the mystery?

5. According to Ephesians 1:5-6, 14, what is the ultimate point of our adoption and inheritance? _____
