

With the Master in the Fiery Furnace—Lesson 2—1 Peter 1:3-7-The Four-Fold Blessing of our Redemption

1. Read 1 Peter 1:3-7. (a) What do you learn about God the Father from this passage? (b) What do you learn about God the Son?
2. Peter says in 1 Peter 1:3 that we have been begotten or (born) again. Read John 3:1-21 and answer the following questions. (a) Who did not understand this concept? (b) How did Jesus answer his troubling questions? (c) What example from nature did Jesus use to help Nicodemus understand? (d) According to John 3:15, 16, how is one born again? (e) Have you been born again?
3. Memorize 1 Peter 1:6.
4. (a) What does Peter say in 1 Peter 1:4 about our inheritance? (b) Read Revelation 21 and 22 and make note of the characteristics of our inheritance.
5. (a) Why should we rejoice in our trials, according to 2 Corinthians 12:9, 10; Galatians 5:22; Philippians 3:3; Philippians 4:4; James 1:2, 3; and 1 Peter 4:12-14? (b) Does the word “rejoice” describe you when going through trials?
6. What do you think it means to be kept by the power of God? (1 Peter 1:5)
7. (a) If you were under terrible persecution, as the early Christians were, how do you think you would receive 1 Peter 1:6, 7? (b) How would it be an encouragement? (c) How is it an encouragement now in your trials?
8. (a) Recall a time in your life when you went through a trial. (b) How was it used to glorify God and strengthen your faith?
9. Using verses 6 and 7 of 1 Peter 1, write a prayer asking God to help you in your current trial. For example: “Dear Lord, help me to greatly rejoice as I am undergoing persecution for sharing my faith with my family member.” Or, “Help me, Lord, to see this trial as part of your refining process in my life.”