
QT Questions — for 1Peter

1Pet 1 (3/16)

1. In 1:3-9, can you explain the new birth (your new birth)—how it begins, what it gives you, how it is kept, why it is so worthy, where it takes you, and how can you be certain that you have this new birth?
2. In 1:13-16, where does God want our minds and thoughts be focused on; why is our holiness linked with God's and what does that say about our relationship with Him?
3. In 1:17-22, our world has many voices that invites us to turn and trust in them—what are some of the voices you heard and are inclined to turn; how is it possible to have our faith and hope only in God; how are you learning to silence the voices of the world and tune to God's voice only?
4. In 1:23-25, what did Peter mean by perishable and imperishable seed; how does God want us to apply this to our lives?

1Pet 2 (3/17)

1. In 2:1-3, what should be the proper lifestyle of the people who have tasted that the Lord is good; what are areas in your life you need to get "rid" of more; where do you need to grow more that displays the beauty of God's salvation in your life?
2. In 2:4-10, why do people (including us) stumble; how are the many ways we are built more like the Living Stone; what is our calling in this dark world?
3. In 2:11-25, why are God's people called foreigners and exiles; as residents and as slaves, what kind of lifestyles should we live, and why does that matter?
4. In 2:19-25, what and why are some type of suffering pleasing to God, while some are not; what did Christ do for us; how are we to live in light of what Christ did?
 - Sometimes, we can focus on the suffering and become frightened and discouraged. But, if we learn to turn our focus on our growth into His glorious likeness, then the joy of His amazing image in us will be so much greater, that we will find our imitation of Him will be something we will run into, rather than the desire to run away.

1Pet 3 (3/18)

1. In 3:1-6, isn't it chauvinistic to teach wives to submit; what are the unfading beauty that is of great worth in God's sight; what is the hope for the wife for her good works before her unbelieving husband?
2. In 3:7, what must be the behavior of the husband towards his wife; how can the husband's (or any person) prayer be hindered in light of one's actions?
3. In 3:13-17, in the midst of suffering and fearful threats, where must our hearts rest and how should that cause us to respond with the non-believers before us; why is it better to suffer for doing good than for doing evil?
4. In 3:18-22, what do we learn about Christ's suffering in this passage; why is that important for us?
 - On 3:19, preaching to the imprisoned spirits, here are four main interpretations (from the New Geneva Study Bible).
 1. Christ as preincarnate and preaching through Noah to the people before the Flood (2Pet 2:5, Gen 6-8). Noah called them to repentance, but they

- disobeyed and are now imprisoned. The point of Peter's argument would then be that as God vindicated Noah then, He would vindicate Christians now.
2. Christ's preaching in the short interval between His death and resurrection, during a "descent to hell." It is said that Christ announced His victory to the spirits of Noah's wicked contemporaries confined in the realm of the dead.
 3. A similar idea is that Christ proclaimed His victory to fallen angels, often identified with the "sons of God" of Gen 6:2-4 in their place of confinement.
 4. Christ proclaiming His victory to fallen angels after the resurrection, at the time of His ascension into heaven.
 - The point of the last three interpretations is that just as Jesus was vindicated, so too Christians will be vindicated.

1Pet 4 (3/19)

1. In 4:1-6, why do the non-believers expect us to join in their reckless living and when we don't, what do they do; but what happens at the end; what happens to all of us at the end?
2. In 4:7-11, Peter emphasizes that the end is near—so, anticipating the Lord's return, how should our lives be lived; which areas do you want to cultivate more, so that your life will reflect more of His will?
3. In 4:12-19, suffering for being a Christian is not an easy thing to accept—but where do we find God's grace to not only accept but to rejoice; where else in God's word do we find such teaching and examples; though you should never seek suffering and yet when it comes, how can you joyfully submit and humbly accept when our sovereign God allows it to our lives?
4. In 4:19, when it is God's will that we suffer—where must our hearts be focused, and what must our lives display; what does that look like practically in your life?

1Pet 5 (3/21)

1. In 5:1-6, what and how are the elders called to fulfill their calling, with what hope; why should this matter to the rest of God's people who are not elders?
2. In 5:5-6, why does God like for His people to be humble; how is God's humility different than what the world values; how does God's true humility look like in your everyday life?
3. In 5:7, what does our God want us to do with ALL the anxieties that enters into our lives; what anxieties of your life do see yourself clinging on to (please search and pray); what is the hope and grace for our anxious hearts?
 - Please pray that you will understand and truly believe that His care for you is so much greater and real than all the anxious thoughts that desire to invade your life.
4. In 5:8-9, what kind of mind do we need in order to fight our spiritual battles; how are we to fight against our enemy; today and throughout the week and beyond, will you see where your spiritual battles are fought and use this truth to fight your battles today and throughout the week and beyond?
 - Our minds is one of the fiercest spiritual battle fields. That is why, we must daily intake God's word, His truth, to combat the lies that we easily drink from our world, and even from our own emotions and weakness. Please pray for your thoughts.