



# Welcome!

**April 11, 2021**

“If the Son sets you free... you are free indeed!” -John 8:36

## Our Worship Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Welcome to New Partners!

John Landgraf, Dave & Mindi O’Riordan, Jon & Megan Schneider

Call to Worship

Worship through Song

Shout to the Lord

Jesus, Lord of Heaven

How Great is Our God

Worship through Prayer

Worship through Scripture

A Call to Living Hope | 1 Peter 1:1-12 | Pastor Scott

Worship by Responding

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Worship by Going

\*\*If you’d like to *worship by giving*, there is an offering box in the back.  
You can also give through the app and web page\*\*

### **Colorado Freedom Church**

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Sundays: Kids and Youth; 5-6 pm; Grades K-12

## Announcements:

- Visit the App Store or Google Play and download the FC App!
- Please consider setting up recurring online giving through the app or web page.
- If you are interested in partnership, please pick up an information packet at the information table.

## Upcoming Events:

- May 30: Lunch with the LEAD Team

## Prayer Matters

*All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead.*

*Now we live with great expectation...*

1 Peter 1:3 (NLT)

### Berean Church

Chappell, NE – Solid Rock Bible Church (Rod and Bev)

### Global Outreach

The Olsen's – India

### Other

**A Call to Living Hope | 1 Peter 1:1-12**  
**Pastor Scott Maxon | Colorado Freedom Church**

**<sup>1</sup>This letter is from Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ. I am writing to God's chosen people who are living as foreigners in the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia.**

**<sup>2</sup>God the Father knew you and chose you long ago, and his Spirit has made you holy. As a result, you have obeyed him and have been cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ. May God give you more and more grace and peace.**

- Bible clearly teaches God's sovereignty and Man's free will

- In the Old Testament, three ceremonies involved the sprinkling of blood on the people.

--First, through Moses, God had *sealed his first covenant* with the Old Testament Jews by the sprinkling of blood, both on the altar and on the people (Exodus 24:3–8); Christians are metaphorically sprinkled with the spilled blood of the Savior, sealing God's new covenant with them (Luke 22:20).

--Second, the *ordination of priests* (Exodus 29:21); Peter called the Christians a royal priesthood (2:9), indicating each individual believer's access to God.

--Third, the *purification ceremony of a leper who had been healed of the dread disease* (Leviticus 14:6–7); Christians also have been cleansed from a deadly disease, the defilement of sin, by Christ's shed blood (Hebrews 9:14).

**<sup>3</sup>All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation,**

**<sup>4</sup>and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay.**

**<sup>5</sup>And through your faith, God is protecting you by his power until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see.**

Salvation. The term refers to three features of Christian existence:

--Justification: the initial separation from sin,

--Sanctification: the hard work of growing in holiness throughout life,

--Glorification: and the final act of God when he makes his holy people completely holy for eternity

**<sup>6</sup> So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while.**

Christians were persecuted because

--1) they refused to worship the emperor as a god and thus were viewed as atheists and traitors;

--2) they refused to worship at pagan temples, so businesses for these moneymaking enterprises dropped wherever Christianity grew.

--3) they didn't support the Roman ideals of self, power, and conquest; and the Romans scorned the Christian ideal of self-sacrificing service.

--4) they exposed and rejected the horrible immorality of pagan culture.

**<sup>7</sup> These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.**

-Ask God: "What did you have in mind in this trouble?"

**<sup>8</sup> You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy.**

**<sup>9</sup> The reward for trusting him will be the salvation of your souls.**

**<sup>10</sup> This salvation was something even the prophets wanted to know more about when they prophesied about this gracious salvation prepared for you.**

**<sup>11</sup> They wondered what time or situation the Spirit of Christ within them was talking about when he told them in advance about Christ's suffering and his great glory afterward.**

**<sup>12</sup> They were told that their messages were not for themselves, but for you. And now this Good News has been announced to you by those who preached in the power of the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. It is all so wonderful that even the angels are eagerly watching these things happen.**

## APPLICATION

### 1. Remember.

1. Remember Whose you are. (v. 3)
2. Remember What God has promised you. (v. 4)
3. Remember Who will see you through. (vv. 5-6)
4. Remember Why God lets you go through trials (v. 7)
5. Remember the resurrection of Jesus. The resurrection is the central hope of Christianity; it is not merely something that we want to happen, but an assurance we have. WE know we shall rise!
6. Remember God is in Control! Put things in perspective.

**2. Focus.** Colossians 3:1-2: “Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God’s right hand. 2 Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth.”

### QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY<sup>1</sup>:

1. How many times did your family move when you were growing up? Which time was the hardest?
2. How geographically scattered is your family now? How often do you get together?
3. In what sense are “God’s elect, strangers in the world” (v. 1)? When have you most felt like a stranger because of your faith?
4. For what purpose have God’s elect been chosen?
5. What does it mean to you to be chosen by God? To be sanctified by the Spirit? To be sprinkled by Christ’s blood?
6. What does Peter mean by the “new birth” that God provides (v. 3)? How did your life change when you encountered Christ?
7. What things, ideas, or relationships have dimmed your view of the greatest treasure—your imperishable inheritance? When have you worked on grasping the perishable, only to find that precious things still disappear?
8. What are some of the ways that Jesus offers you a living hope in your life?
9. How would your life be different if you did not have this living hope?
10. What perspective does Peter give suffering in vv. 6-7? How does this perspective help you deal with past or current suffering in your life?
11. When has your faith been tested by a fiery trial? How did you come out of it? What are you going through right now that is helping to strengthen your faith?
12. If we can’t see beyond our immediate circumstances in life, the outlook quickly turns to a shade of despair. Consider a time, recently or in the past, when you felt hopeless about a situation in your life. How did you cope? What would have helped during that time?
13. How has the Spirit stirred a longing for God’s forgiveness and holiness within you? How aware are you of God’s shielding power that Peter describes? What part do you play (v. 5)?
14. Peter complimented his readers because they believed in Jesus and loved him—even though they had not seen him (v. 8). What questions do you think people today have to cope with because they have not personally seen Jesus?
15. How would you describe the real meaning of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ? (vv. 8-9)
16. In times of personal crisis, do you tend to lean more on God or blame God? Has suffering made you bitter or “better”?

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<sup>1</sup> Taken from multiple Study Guides on 1 Peter.