

1. Condition – What is the condition of the interpreter?

- a. Are you a believer? (John 3:16; 1 Cor 2:14; Rom 3:23, 5:8, 6:23)
- b. Are you spiritual or carnal? (1 Cor 3:1-3a)
- c. Have you asked for wisdom? (James 1:5-8)

2. Clarify – What is the problem?

- a. 1 Peter 3:21 seems to teach that _____ is a requirement for salvation.
- b. Plain teaching from Scripture - (Rom 1:16, 4:5; Acts 16:30-31; 1 Cor 1:14-17, 9:16)
- c. Absent from this passage, the clear teaching of Scripture is that salvation is through _____ alone (believing) and baptism is _____ part of the Gospel or the power of God unto salvation.

Rule of thumb: Don't let the _____ passages confuse the _____ passages. Cling to the simple passages, hold the confusing passages in _____ until through further study you come to a proper interpretation.

3. Context – What surrounds this passage?

- a. The author is the _____. (Matt 16:17; 1 Peter 1:1, 5:1)
 - i. Peter was an apostle to the _____ and was in complete _____ with Paul's Gospel. (Gal 2:7-9)
 - ii. Peter was one of the twelve _____ of Jesus. (Matt 4:18-20)
 - iii. He was _____ among equals among the disciples yet he _____ Christ three times. .
 - iv. . . . but after the resurrection, Peter was promised his own _____.
 - v. Peter was changed into an _____. (Acts 5:40-42)
- b. Who were the recipients?
 - i. 1 Peter was written to _____ of the _____ (diaspora) in Asia Minor (modern Turkey). (1 Peter 1:1; 1 Peter 2:9-10 vs Eph 5:18; 1 Peter 4:3-4 vs Eph 4:17-19)
 - ii. 1 Peter was written to _____! (1 Peter 1:2)
- c. Where does the passage fit into the argument of the book?
 - i. 1 Peter has the feel of a “_____”, a shepherd looking out for his flock rather than the advanced instruction of an epistle.
 - ii. Peter is addressing his hearers as “_____” (1:1) and “_____ and Pilgrims” (2:11).
 - 1. Because they don't belong here, they will encounter _____.
 - 2. Their persecution will result in _____
 - a. to _____ now, (1 Peter 2:12, 4:14, 4:16)
 - b. and at _____. (1 Peter 4:11, 4:13, 5:1, 5:4)
 - 3. As a result, they should stand firm in the _____ of _____. (1 Peter 5:6-12)

iii. Our passage is in the section related to the impact of the _____ of _____ on the believer's suffering.

d. The immediate context of the passage:

- i. 1 Peter 3:13-17 contains a command to _____ Christ in your hearts, to have an answer for the _____ that is in you, and to not be _____ or _____ at persecution.
- ii. 1 Peter 3:18-20 provides Christ as our example of _____ for the will of God and the resulting _____.
- iii. 1 Peter 4:1-12 contains a command to have the same _____ as Christ when suffering, resulting in living for the _____ of God rather than the _____ of men.

4. Content – What does this passage say?

- a. Save means to _____, make _____, _____ from danger, loss or destruction.
 - i. What you are being delivered from is defined by the _____.
 - ii. It can be used of _____ deliverance. (Ps 18:3; Acts 27:31)
 - iii. It can mean deliverance from sin's _____ (first tense, John 3:16-17), from sin's _____ in our lives (second tense, 1 Tim 4:16), and from sin's _____ at death or rapture (third tense, Rom 13:11).
- b. Before our passage (in chapter three), there are two dangers.
 - i. Physical – In chapter 3 verse 13 there is the danger of _____, in 14 _____, and in 16 being _____ and _____. Ultimately, Peter expects his readers will _____ be _____ physically from their suffering.
 - ii. Spiritual – In verse 14 there is the _____ danger of being _____ and _____.
- c. Sanctify means to _____.
- d. After our passage (in chapter four) there are two dangers. (1 Peter 4:1-3)
 - i. Physical – _____ in the flesh, which we are not to be delivered from, but that will be used in our _____ deliverance.
 - ii. Spiritual – the danger of _____ and living for the _____ of men.
- e. In our passage, deliverance is by way of "baptism" which is the _____ of a _____ toward God. (1 Peter 3:15-16, 21-22)
- f. In our passage, deliverance is through the _____ of Jesus Christ.

5. Compare – Compare your understanding of this Scripture with other Scriptures.
(Rom 6:3-4; Col 3:1-3; Gal 2:20)

6. Conclude – _____ tense salvation (salvation from sin's _____ in our lives) is being considered. As we sanctify the Lord God in our hearts we have the answer of a good conscience toward God through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

7. How can I apply the teaching of this passage?