

Study God's Word – 1 Peter 1:10-13

Meaning to Application

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1. What did the text mean to the biblical audience?

Structure diagram 1 Peter 1:10-13

Concerning this **salvation**,

the **prophets** who prophesied about the grace that was **to be yours**

searched and inquired carefully,

¹¹ inquiring what person or time

the **Spirit of Christ in them** was indicating

when **he** predicted the **sufferings of Christ**

and the **subsequent glories**.

¹² It was **revealed to them**

that they were **servicing not themselves but you**,

in the things that have now been **announced to you**

through those who preached the good news to you

by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven,

things into which angels long to look.

Truths From Cross References

Salvation / Prophets / Grace / Yours / Spirit of Christ

Matthew 13:16-17

Daniel 2:44-45

Daniel 4:1-3

Isaiah 53

Luke 24:17–27

Luke 24:44-49

Acts 3:22–24

Acts 10:43

Acts 13:26–29

Acts 28:23-28

1 Peter 1:13 Therefore, **preparing your minds for action**,

and being **sober-minded**,

set your hope fully

on the **grace that will be brought** to you
at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Preparation / Readiness:

Luke 12:35-40

Ephesians 6:10-20

Sober-minded / self-controlled / clear-minded

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

1 Peter 4:7-11

1 Peter 5:8-11

Hope on future grace:

“will be brought” = present (ongoing, continuous), passive (you are receiving the action), participle (ongoing action), accusative (it is happening to you)

1 Peter 1:3–7

Romans 8:18-19

Colossians 3:4

Titus 2:11–14

Hebrews 9:27-28

Questions to use when preparing a Bible Study to uncover a passage's main theological point.

1. God-focused questions:

- What does this verse show about who God is (His character, attributes, names, actions)?
- What does it show about what God loves, hates, desires, commands, or promises?
- How does this verse fit with God's overall purpose in the Bible's big story (creation, fall, redemption, new creation)?

2. Gospel / Christ questions:

- How does this verse connect to the person and work of Christ (who He is, what He did, what He is doing)?
- What problem of sin, brokenness, or spiritual need does this verse highlight, that the gospel answers?
- Does this verse point forward to Christ, flow out of Christ's work, or describe life in Christ?

3. Human-condition questions:

- What does this verse teach about people: our nature, identity, temptations, or tendencies?
- What “fallen condition” or heart issue (belief, desire, fear, idol) is exposed here?
- How does this verse show who I am “in Adam” (apart from God) or “in Christ” (redeemed)?

4. Redemptive-story / context questions:

- Where are we in the Bible’s storyline (before the law, under the law, in the church, new creation)?
- How does the surrounding context (paragraph, chapter, book) clarify the main point of this verse?
- If this verse were missing from the Bible, what key truth would be lost?

5. Main-point questions:

Use these to force yourself to summarize the core theology in one sentence.

- If I had to state the author’s main point in one sentence, what would it be?
- Which words, images, or repeated ideas carry the most weight in this verse?
- Is the verse mainly describing something (narrative) or prescribing something (command)? What truth about God and His ways does that reveal?

A helpful test: “This verse mainly teaches that God is _____ and therefore His people must / can _____.”

6. Response / implication / application questions:

These don’t change the meaning, but they help you see why the theological point matters.

- If this verse is true, what should I think differently about God, myself, or the world?
- What should I now believe, desire, or hope for because of this truth?
- What concrete obedience, repentance, or comfort flows from this verse’s main truth?

- Is there a command to obey in this passage?
- Is there an example to follow or avoid in this passage?
- Is there a reality to affirm in this passage?
- If so, how should that reality impact my life? (desires, thoughts, beliefs, actions)
- How can I praise Him through this scripture?
- How can I confess my sins on the basis of this scripture?
- If this is really true, what harmful emotions, what wrong behavior or false attitudes result in me when I forget this?
- What should I be aspiring to on the basis of this text?
- Why is God telling me this today?
- How could my life be different if I were absolutely sure of every one of God's promises that He gave me in this scripture?
- What are some of the challenges or roadblocks that make applying/obeying difficult? (sinful desires, temptations, struggles, wrong ideas, the culture we live in, etc.)
- What would it specifically look like if I lived this out?