

PART TWO

First and Second Peter

WEEK 4: 1 PETER

DAY 1: WE WERE CHOSEN BY GOD TO BE HOLY

1 Peter 1:1-2

1. Today we are starting the second letter in the General Epistles. We are studying seven letters that were written for all churches. We have studied the letter of James.

What does James say we should do when a brother wanders from the truth?

2. We should bring him back. That is what James wrote in his letter. The next letter we will study is 1 Peter. We have learned that the name of each letter is the name of the man who wrote the letter.

Who wrote 1 Peter?

3. Peter wrote this letter. We call it 1 Peter because Peter wrote two letters. We will study 2 Peter in Week 6 of this book.

Today we will learn three things from 1 Peter.

(1) God
chose
sinners

(2) before
the world
began

(3) to
make them
holy

Now take your Bible and find 1 Peter. Read 1 Peter 1:1-2. To whom did Peter write this letter?

4. It is important to read these verses from the Bible. The lessons we are learning are from God's word. Peter wrote his first letter to scattered people. We have learned from James that the Jews were scattered to many countries. This letter was for Christian Jews who were scattered. But we know that this letter is also for all Christians everywhere.

1 Peter 1:2:

chosen and destined by God the Father and sanctified (or made holy) by the Spirit for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood.

From this verse, who chose us Christians? _____

5. This verse says that God chose us. This is very wonderful. God chose you to be a Christian. If you have accepted Christ as your Saviour, then you are one of the people whom God has chosen. Sometimes we say that we choose to follow God. It is true that we must accept Christ. But Peter shows that God also chooses us. Paul wrote about this too.

Romans 5:8:

But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.

From this verse, what kind of people did God choose? _____

6. God chose sinners. God did not choose us because we were good. When we choose things, we take the beautiful and rich and good things. But God chose people who were sinners. He chose people who were dirty and bad.

Ephesians 1:4:

He chose us before the foundation of the world.

From this verse, when did God choose us? _____

7. This verse says that he chose us before the foundation of the world. This means that before the world began, he chose us. God knows all things. Before he made the stars and the moon, he already knew that you would accept him some day. This is why he chose you. Before the world began, God knew that you would accept Jesus. Peter tells us that God planned before the world began that he would send Jesus to save us.

1 Peter 1:20:

He was destined before the foundation of the world but was made manifest at the end of the times for your sake.

What kind of people did God choose before the world began? _____

8. He chose sinners. Sometimes we make a wrong choice or a weak choice. We may make a mistake when we choose things. But God never makes a wrong choice. He knows all things. God did not make a mistake when he chose sinners. He chose sinners because of his great love for them.

When did God choose us? _____

9. God chose us before the world began. How do we choose? We choose by taking something good from among many other things. God also chooses.

What kind of people did God choose before the world began? _____

10. God does not choose as we do. He chose sinners. God chooses like my friend in Uganda. My friend is a rich and clean Teso farmer. He was looking for a wife. Many girls wanted him as a husband. But he married a dirty poor girl instead. Some people laughed at him. But he had this girl washed. Then he gave her clean clothes. He gave her good food. Then she was the most beautiful and rich girl in that place. Now the husband and wife fitted with each other. They were both clean and rich.

It is the same with God. God is holy. We are not. We do not fit with him. But God made a way for us to be like him. God chose us that we might be like him.

When did God choose us? _____

11. He chose us before the world began. He chose us before he made the world.

When we go to the shop to buy things, we choose the things we want. When we choose something, we have a purpose for it. We have a reason for choosing it. The same is true with God. God had a purpose when he chose us before the world began. The purpose was to make us holy. His purpose was to make us like him.

1 Peter 1:2:

chosen and destined by God the Father and sanctified by the Spirit for obedience to Jesus Christ.

What kind of people did God choose before the world began? _____

12. He chose sinners. The Bible says that all people have sinned. Therefore the only people God could choose were sinners.

The poor girl in Uganda had no hope of marrying a rich farmer. In the same way we had no hope of belonging to God. We could only look forward to punishment. But God chose us sinners. He chose us to make us holy.

The rich Teso farmer made the poor girl beautiful and rich. He made the girl like himself.

1 Peter 1:16:

You shall be holy, for I am holy.

From this verse, what is God like? _____

13. God is holy. This means that he is set apart. He is different. He does not sin. He does not do wrong. He is holy.

God chose us for a purpose. Why did God choose us? _____

14. He wants us to be holy. When we are holy, we are set apart. We are different. We keep sin out of our lives.

We cannot make ourselves holy. We cannot stop sinning ourselves. But these verses in Peter say that we are made holy by the Holy Spirit. God will help us to stay away from sin. He will help us get rid of bad things in our lives. He will set us apart.

If we are holy, who are we like? _____

15. When we are holy, we are like God. He is holy. God wants us to be like him. He wants us to get rid of sin in our lives. He wants us to be pure and clean. This is why God chose us. He chose us so that he could make us holy.

Let us look at 1 Peter 1:2 again. It says that we are made holy for obedience to Jesus Christ. A person who is holy obeys Christ. He follows the teachings of Jesus.

1 Peter 1:14-15:

As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct.

When did God chose sinners to make them holy? _____

16. He chose them before the world began. Long ago, God had a plan. He had a plan for your life. He had a plan for my life. He chose us for a reason.

For what did God choose sinners? _____

17. God chose sinners to make them holy. God wants you to live a clean pure life. He does not want sin in your life. He wants you to be different from people who are not Christians. He wants you to have good things in your life. This is the big reason God chose you.

1 Peter 1:22:

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere love of the brethren, love one another earnestly from the heart.

Before you answer the last question, take some time to pray. First, thank God that he chose you. Then ask him to help you live a holy life.

18. What kind of people did God choose? _____

When did God choose them? _____

For what did God choose them? _____

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DAY 2: WE HAVE AN INHERITANCE IN HEAVEN

1 Peter 1:3-9

1. Yesterday we started our study of 1 Peter. Peter wrote this letter to the scattered Jews who were Christians. He wrote the letter to encourage them.

What kind of people did God choose? _____

When did God choose them? _____

For what did God choose them? _____

2. God chose sinners before the world began. He chose them to make them holy.

God's chosen people are born anew. They receive new life from God. Today we will learn two blessings we have when we are born anew.

- (1) We have an inheritance in heaven.
- (2) We are protected by God's power.

Take your Bible now and read 1 Peter 1:3-9. Read verse 9 again. What is it that we must have in order to receive salvation and other blessings?

3. We must have faith. The reward of our faith is salvation or being born anew. People who are chosen by God have faith. They are born anew. They receive new life from God.

1 Peter 1:3:

By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:23:

You have been born anew, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God.

Have you been born anew? _____

4. We are happy if you could say yes. It is important that we receive new life from God. Peter says that when we receive the word of God and believe it, we are born anew. We have new life from God. When we are born anew, we receive many blessings. Today we are learning two of these blessings.

The first blessing is: (1) We have an inheritance in heaven.

When parents die, they leave things behind for their children. They may leave cows or other things. The things they leave behind are called an inheritance.

What things besides cows can parents leave as an inheritance? _____

5. Parents may leave houses or land or money as an inheritance. Perhaps you thought of other things. But these things can cause trouble. Some of them can be stolen. Or brothers and sisters may fight about them. Or they may be destroyed. These things do not last. But think about what God gives us.

1 Peter 1:4:

to an inheritance which is imperishable (or cannot be destroyed), undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.

Where does God keep the inheritance which he gives to those who are born anew?

6. God keeps the inheritance in heaven. Our inheritance is spiritual. It is safe in heaven. It cannot be destroyed or spoiled. God keeps it safe for us.

What kind of people receive an inheritance in heaven? _____

7. It is people who are born anew who receive this. We must be born anew in order to enter the kingdom of heaven.

John 3:3:

Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

What are we given in heaven if we are born anew? _____

8. It is an inheritance. It is for God's children. We do not know all that this means. But we know that in heaven it will be wonderful.

What is the first blessing we receive when we are born anew? _____

9. The first blessing God gives is an inheritance in heaven. Let us remember why the General Epistles were written. They were written to encourage Christians. The people to whom Peter wrote his letter were having many trials. Peter told these people that they had an inheritance in heaven. This encouraged them.

1 Peter 1:6-7:

In this rejoice, though now for a little while you may have to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold which though perishable is tested by fire, may redound to praise and glory and honour at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

What kind of people receive the blessing of an inheritance in heaven? _____

10. This is for people who are born anew. But this is not the only blessing they have. The second blessing for people who are born anew is this: (2) They are protected by God's power. This means that the power of God will help us. God's power protects us from falling. God's power keeps the devil from harming us.

1 Peter 1:5:

who by God's power are guarded (or protected) through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

What is the first blessing we receive when we are born anew?

(1) _____

(2) We are protected by God's power.

11. The first blessing is that we have an inheritance in heaven. The second is that we are protected.

The President of Kenya has a big house in Nairobi. Around the house there are many guards. These guards keep the president safe from danger and harm. They have power to care for him.

What guards the people who are born anew? _____

12. God's power does this. His power never fails. It is all around us. God has power over the devil. He has power over evil spirits. He has power over sin. We are protected by God. If we stay close to him, we can trust his power to keep us from falling into sin.

Jude 24:

Now to him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you without blemish before the presence of his glory with rejoicing.

What kind of people are protected by God's power? _____

13. This is a blessing for people who are born anew. We have many blessings.

(1) We have an inheritance in heaven.

(2) We are protected by God's power.

Nyamboga was an evangelist. He had many trials. One by one his five children died. His clan wanted him to go back to his tribal religion. They said his God was not strong enough to keep his five children alive. This was a great temptation for Nyamboga. But he did not go back. Nyamboga was born anew. His faith remained strong.

What did God use to protect Nyamboga from going back to his tribal religion?

14. God used his power. God has great power. He is able to defeat Satan. Many times Christians are in danger. Sometimes Christians meet hard trials. Sometimes Satan comes to us with big temptations. Satan wants us to fall.

When these things come into our lives, what does God's power do for us?

15. God's power protects us. His power keeps us safe. We are protected when we have faith. We must believe that God will care for us. If we believe, he will protect us with his power. Peter tells us that this is the second blessing we receive when we are born anew.

What is the first blessing? _____

16. The first blessing is that we have an inheritance in heaven.

Auma is a young girl from Lira, Uganda. She is born anew. She had to go through a very hard trial. Her parents wanted her to marry an unbeliever. She refused. Her father beat her. She still refused. They locked her in her hut for five days, but she continued to trust God. She suffered patiently. She felt God's presence with her in her suffering.

What is the second blessing we receive when we are born anew? _____

17. The second blessing is that we are protected by God's power. This does not mean that we always have easy things in our lives. Sometimes God lets hard things come. These things will make us strong in spirit. God's power will keep you when you are suffering. He will protect your spirit by his power. He will care for you. If you trust him, he will not let Satan harm you. The power of God is able to help and make strong every person who is born anew.

Many Christians do not know that God will protect them by his power. Perhaps the people in your church do not understand this. Prepare a sermon to preach to your people from today's lesson. Write down the important things you will say. Bring your paper to class.

18. Write two blessings which Peter says we receive when we are born anew.

(1) _____

(2) _____

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DAY 3: WE WERE RANSOMED WITH THE BLOOD OF JESUS

1 Peter 1:10-25

1. Yesterday we learned two blessings which we receive when we are born anew.

What are they? (1) _____

(2) _____

2. The two blessings are: (1) We have an inheritance in heaven. (2) We are protected by God's power.

There are many words in the Bible which tell us about salvation. One of these words is "ransom". To ransom means to buy back something which you once had. We Christians have been ransomed by God. Today we will learn two things about how God ransomed us.

(1) We were ransomed with the blood of Jesus.

(2) We were ransomed from the useless ways of our fathers.

Now take your Bible and read 1 Peter 1:13-21.

3. We know that it is God who gave us life in the beginning. He made us. We were his. But all people went away from God. We went into sin. We were lost.

1 Peter 2:25:

For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

Why do you think people need to be ransomed? _____

4. Perhaps you said it is because they have gone away from God. Or perhaps you said they are lost. Both answers are good. God created us so we could have fellowship with him. But we left God. We sinned. Because we were lost, we had to be brought back. We had to be ransomed. Jesus ransomed us and brought us back to God.

Othiambo was a young farmer in Kenya. He had a nice fat sheep. He loved it very much. But one day his sheep wandered away and was lost. He could not find it. Later Othiambo saw his sheep for sale in the market. It was very thin now. But he still wanted it. So he paid the man in the market for the sheep. He bought his sheep back.

Why did Othiambo have to ransom his sheep? _____

5. He had to do this because it had gone away. It had got lost. In the same way, we went away. We were lost in sin. We left God, the one to whom we belonged. We offended God. But let us see what God has done for us.

1 Peter 1:18:

You know that you were ransomed from the futile (or useless) ways inherited from your fathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

We went away from God. What did Jesus do for us with his blood? _____

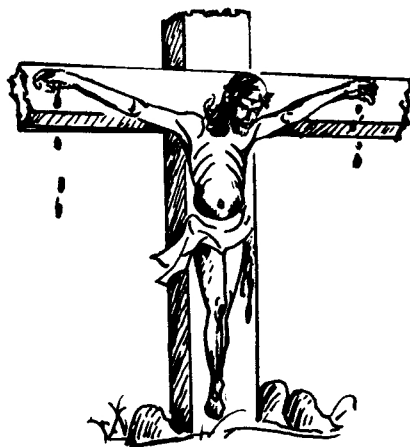
6. Jesus ransomed us. He bought us, and brought us back to God. How did Jesus do this? He did not use gold or silver to buy us. He did not use money.

What did Jesus use to ransom us? _____

7. He used his blood. The price to please God and bring us back to him was the blood of Jesus. In the Old Testament, the people made sacrifices. They sacrificed the blood of animals when they sinned and went away from God. Blood had to be shed to get forgiveness from God.

Hebrews 9:22:

Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.



Why did Jesus have to ransom us? _____

8. Jesus ransomed us. He did this because we had gone away. We had sinned. He did this because it was the only way our sins could be forgiven.

With what did Jesus ransom us? _____

9. Jesus did this with his blood. In the Old Testament, the people made sacrifices of animals. They killed animals and used the blood for sacrifices. But the blood of animals cannot take away sins forever. The blood of animals cannot buy us back to God.

Hebrews 10:4:

For it is impossible that the blood of bulls and goats should take away sins.

What did Jesus do when he shed his blood? _____

10. Jesus ransomed us when he shed his blood. When Jesus died, the blood from his body flowed out onto the earth. He gave his life for us. He did this to ransom us. He bought us with his blood to bring us back to God. Only Jesus was able to do this.

Mark 10:45:

For the son of man came . . . to give his life a ransom for many.

Why was it necessary for Jesus to ransom us? _____

11. It was necessary because we went away from God. We went into sin. But God made a way for us to be ransomed.

1 Peter 3:18:

For Christ also died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh.

Hebrews 9:26:

He (Jesus) has appeared once for all at the end of the age to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

With what were we ransomed? _____

12. We were ransomed with the blood of Jesus. The people to whom Peter wrote had received many customs and teachings from their fathers. The Jews followed the way of sacrificing animals. But the blood of animals could not take away sin. The blood of animals could not ransom them.

1 Peter 1:18:

You know that you were ransomed from the futile (or useless) ways inherited from your fathers.

From this verse, what did Peter call the ways of the fathers? _____

13. He called them useless. He said the ways of the Jewish fathers in making sacrifices could not ransom them. In the same way, our fathers in Africa tried many ways to come to God. Some of our fathers tried to come to God through animal sacrifices. Some tried to find him through other kinds of offerings. But the ways of our fathers did not bring them back to God.

What is the only thing that can ransom us? _____

14. Only the blood of Jesus can bring us back to God. Jesus used his blood to ransom us. He gave his life and died on the cross.

From whose useless ways did Jesus ransom us? _____

15. He ransomed us from the useless ways of our fathers. Some people say that our fathers knew all about God. They say that they worshipped God well by sacrificing animals to him. It is true that the fathers knew many things about God. They knew that we must be brought back to God in some way. But they did not know how to come all the way to God.

The Bible says that the ways of our fathers were useless. They were useless because they could not bring people all the way to God. They were useless because the blood of animals cannot take away sin.

What did Jesus use to ransom us from the useless ways of our fathers? _____

16. He used his blood to do this. We went away from God. We offended God. We needed a perfect sacrifice to offer to him. Only the blood of Jesus was good enough to give to God. God was pleased with the sacrifice of the blood of Jesus. God showed that he accepted this offering by raising Jesus from the dead.

1 Peter 1:21:

Through him you have confidence in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Peter says we were ransomed from something. What does he say we were ransomed from?

17. We were ransomed from the useless ways of our fathers. There are many people who try to find fellowship with God. They use many ways to come to him. But there is only one way to come. It is through Jesus.

Do you know someone who is following useless ways inherited from his fathers? Before you come to class, go to that person. Ask him what he does to find his way back to God. Ask him if he would like to hear a better way. If he says yes, tell him about the way of Jesus.

18. What were we ransomed with? _____

What does Peter say we were ransomed from? _____

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DAY 4: WE ARE LIVING STONES IN THE CHURCH

1 Peter 2:1-10

1. Yesterday we learned how we were ransomed. Jesus brought us back to God.

With what were we ransomed? _____

What does Peter say we were ransomed from? _____

2. We were ransomed with the blood of Jesus. We were ransomed from the useless ways of our fathers.

All those who are ransomed are part of the church. In the letter of Peter, the church is called a spiritual house. Today we want to learn two things about this spiritual house.

- (1) Jesus is the foundation of the church.
- (2) Christians are living stones in the church.

Now take your Bible and read 1 Peter 2:1-10.

3. Have you ever built a house? Many people have either built a house or watched one built. There are many things we can use to build a house. Some people use mud and wood. But today, many people are building stronger houses. These houses are built with stones or bricks. They are built with good foundations. They will last for a long time.

The church is also being built as a strong house. It needs a very strong foundation.

Who do you think is the foundation of the church? _____

4. Some people think it is the apostles or the early Christians. If you said one of those, you are wrong. Jesus is the foundation of the church. The church is built on the work and teachings of Jesus.

1 Peter 2:6:

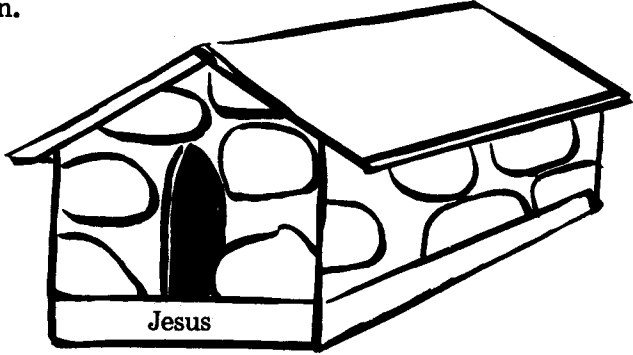
For it stands in scripture: "Behold, I (God) am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and he who believes in him will not be put to shame."

1 Corinthians 3:11:

For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Who made Jesus to be the foundation of the church? _____

5. God chose Jesus to be the foundation. In these verses, Jesus is called the "cornerstone". The cornerstone is a very important part of a strong building. It is the stone which is put in place first. Jesus is like a cornerstone. Peter says that Jesus is a "living stone". This is another way of saying that he is the foundation.



What do we call the spiritual house that God is building with Jesus as the foundation?

6. These verses in Peter are talking about the church. We can talk about the church in many ways. We say we go to church on Sunday. We mean that we go to a building where other Christians go. We call the place where we go, the church. But in these verses, we are not talking about a building made from things of earth.

These verses are talking about a spiritual house. All people who have repented of their sins and received Jesus are part of this spiritual house. People of many countries are part of this one spiritual house. People who are alive now are part of this spiritual house. People who lived long ago are part of this spiritual house.

What part of the spiritual house is Jesus? _____

7. He is the foundation. He is the most important part of the church. The church is built on the work that he did. The most important work that he did was to die on the cross for our sins.

Who is the foundation of the church? _____

8. Jesus is the foundation. It is Jesus who is God's Son. It is Jesus who died for our sins. It is Jesus who rose from the dead. Jesus is the only one who can be the foundation.

But some people refuse Jesus. They do not accept his teachings. They do not believe that Jesus died for their sins. They want to build another kind of church. They follow their own thoughts and beliefs. They use their own teachings for a foundation. But their thoughts often change. We cannot build a strong house on the thoughts of men.

1 Peter 2:7-8:

To you therefore who believe, he is precious, but for those who do not believe, "The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner."

Of what is Jesus the foundation? _____

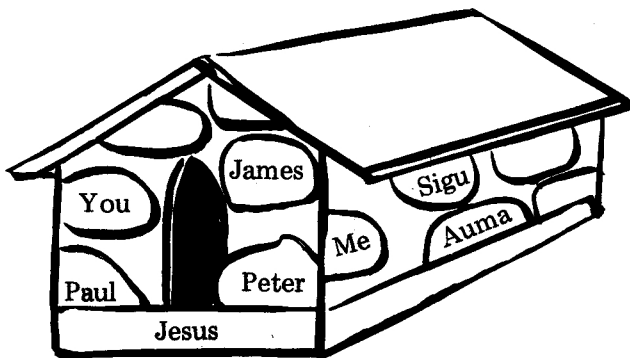
9. He is the foundation of the church. But a building has more than one stone. A building must have many stones. All who build their lives fully on Jesus and his teachings are part of God's building.

1 Peter 2:5:

and like living stones be yourselves built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Look carefully at this verse. What kind of stones does Peter call the Christians who are built into a spiritual house?

10. He calls them living stones. Christians were once like dead stones. They were dead in sin. But Jesus gave them his life. Now they are living stones. They are part of the spiritual building. Christians are the stones which God uses to build on the foundation.



What do we call the spiritual house that has Jesus as the foundation and Christians as living stones?

11. These verses are talking about the church. We are talking about the spiritual church. We are talking about all the people who belong to Jesus. They may live in different parts of the world. They may have many different names and speak different languages. But all who accept Jesus are part of the church.

The Luo people in Kenya have this proverb, It says, "One coal cannot cook a meal." Many coals are needed to make a fire. In the same way, one stone will not make a building. One stone by itself is useless. We need many stones to make a building.

What does Peter call the Christians who are built into the spiritual house?

12. He calls them living stones. Christians are alive. They have life from God. And all believers are part of the spiritual house. They are all important. Some Christians live like lonely stones in the bush. They do not want to join other Christians. They do not want to worship with other Christians. They do not want to work in the church with other Christians. But God wants all believers to work and live together in the church.

Who is the foundation of the church?

13. Jesus is the foundation. God is building one church. There is only one foundation. That foundation is Jesus. But Jesus is not alone in the church. There are many Christians who are built into the church. There are many Christians who are part of the spiritual house.

What does Peter call the Christians who are built into the spiritual house?

14. He calls them living stones. Living stones must live and work together. They must love each other. In a building, stones cannot fight among themselves as to who is the better stone. Peter says that the living stones must put away bad things. It is not God who is to put these things away. Christians must put them away themselves.

1 Peter 2:1:

So put away all malice and all guile and insincerity and envy and all slander.

1 Peter 1:22:

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere love of the brethren, love one another earnestly from the heart.

Who are the living stones that are built on Jesus as the foundation? _____

15. Christians are the living stones. Jesus is the foundation. There is only one foundation. But there are many living stones. The living stones must work together in love.

Some Christians like their own teachings better than God's teachings. They do not want to be living stones in God's spiritual house. Instead, they want to be the builders. They want to use themselves as the foundation.

God is still building his church. He is not finished. He needs more living stones. Before you do your next lesson, go to someone who needs Jesus. Tell him that Jesus wants to give him life. Tell him that God wants to make him a living stone.

16. Be ready to tell in class what your friend said.

Who is the foundation of the church? _____

What does Peter call the Christians who are built into the spiritual house?

WEEK 4: 1 PETER

DAY 5: WE ARE STRANGERS IN THE WORLD

1 Peter 2:11-25

1. Yesterday we learned about the church.

Who is the foundation of the church? _____

What does Peter call the Christians who are built into the spiritual house?

2. Today we will see that Christians are strangers in the world. A stranger is a person who lives away from his home or country. We will learn two ways in which Christians should live as strangers in the world.

- (1) We should obey the government.
- (2) We should follow the example of Jesus.

Take your Bible now and read 1 Peter 2:11-17.

3. Omolo is from Kenya. But he lives and works in Tanzania. While he is in Tanzania, he keeps all the laws of Tanzania. He pays his taxes in Tanzania. He lives as a good person of Tanzania. But his real home is in Kenya. He is really a person of Kenya.

In the same way, the home of a Christian is in heaven. But Christians must live and work on earth for a time. And Christians must obey the governments on earth.

1 Peter 2:11:

Beloved, I beseech you as aliens and exiles (or strangers)

Have you ever lived as a stranger outside your own country? _____

4. Today, in our land of Africa, people go from one country to another to find work. But when they are in another country, they are strangers. They are away from their real homes. When they are strangers in another country, they must obey all the laws of that country. They must obey the government.

Philippians 3:20:

But our commonwealth (or country) is in heaven. . . .

You are a person of one country on earth. But if you are a Christian, where is your real home?

5. If you are a Christian, your real home is in heaven. You are only a stranger in this world. This is how Peter tells us to live as strangers in the world.

1 Peter 2:13-14:

Be subject (or obedient) for the Lord's sake to every human institution (or government) whether it be to the emperor (or president) as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right.

What should Christians do to governments on earth? _____

6. They must obey the governments on earth. They must obey the laws of the country where they live. If you live in Kenya, you must obey the laws of Kenya. If you live in Nigeria, you must obey the laws of Nigeria. This shows unbelievers that you are a good person. But if you do not obey the laws, it makes people speak evil of Christ.

Who must be very careful to obey the government on earth? _____

7. Christians must obey the government. They must obey the laws. They must do what is right. Christians are people of heaven. Their real home is in heaven.

But where must Christians obey the government? _____

8. They must do this on earth. They must do it in the country where they are. Omodoi is a Christian. He prays. He reads his Bible. But he refuses to pay his taxes. He drives his car without a license. He does not get along well with the people around him. Because of this, the unbelievers speak evil of him and of Christ. Omodoi should read this verse.

1 Peter 2:12:

Maintain good conduct among the Gentiles, so that in case they speak against you as wrongdoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

How must Christians live on earth? _____

9. We must obey the government. We must be good examples to others of how to live. We must obey all the laws. We must do our work faithfully. Otieno is a young man who loves Jesus. He works in a factory in Nairobi.

His fellow workers do not like their boss. They want to go on strike often. They want to stop work and cause trouble. Otieno refuses to join them when they cause trouble. He works on. He obeys the Bible.

1 Peter 2:18:

Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to the kind and gentle but also to the overbearing (or people who are hard).

Who must obey the government and their masters on earth? _____

10. This is the way Christians should live. The real home of Christians is in heaven. Christians are strangers in this world. They are like a man living in another country. Christians must live as good people in the country where God has put them. They must obey the government.

1 Peter 2:21:

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

From this verse, whose example should we follow? _____

11. We are to follow the example of Jesus. We must remember that the home of Jesus is in heaven. But he came to earth. Jesus was a stranger on earth. He had to suffer too. He showed us how to act when the world treats us badly. We must follow the steps of Jesus.

Peter tells us two ways that Christians should live as strangers on earth. Write the first one. Then read the second one.

(1) _____

(2) We should follow the example of Jesus.

12. Christians must obey the government. This is how Jesus lived in this world. He obeyed the law of Moses, which was the government of the Jews. He also obeyed the laws of the Roman government. This is what Peter wrote about Jesus.

1 Peter 2:22-23:

He committed no sin, no guile was found on his lips. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he trusted to him who judges justly.

What did Jesus leave for us to follow? _____

13. He left us an example. He showed us how to live as good people of our countries. He showed us how to live as strangers in this world. He obeyed the government. But he did more than obey the government. He showed love and forgiveness to everyone.

Etiang is a member of a church where Okello is the pastor. One day, Etiang became very angry with Okello. Etiang set fire to Okello's house. But Pastor Okello did not take the matter to court. He prayed for Etiang that he would see his wrong. A month later, Etiang became very sick. He was dying. Okello visited him and prayed for him. God healed Etiang. Pastor Okello repaid evil with good.

Who left Okello and all of us an example to follow as strangers in the world?

14. Jesus left us an example. He showed us how to live. He showed us how to obey the government. He also showed us how to love and how to forgive.

Peter tells us two ways that Christians should live as strangers on earth. What is the second way?

(1) We should obey the government.

(2) _____

15. We should follow the example of Jesus. We should follow in his steps. Jesus showed us how to live when people speak against us. He showed us how to live when there is a hard trial. People blamed Jesus for many things. He was blamed when he was not guilty. But he did not answer back. He suffered patiently. We must follow the example of Jesus.

We are learning two ways in which Christians should live as strangers in the world. What is the first way?

(1) _____

16. The first way is that we should obey the government.

What is the second way in which we should live as strangers in the world?

(2) _____

17. The second way is that we should follow the example of Jesus. Jesus showed us how to live. We should read about the life of Jesus. We read

about his life in the first four books of the New Testament. When we read these books, we find what Jesus did when he met hard times. When we see how Jesus lived, then we can follow his example.

1 Peter 3:9:

Do not return evil for evil. . . but on the contrary bless, for to this you have been called, that you may obtain a blessing.

Christians must obey the government. What should a Christian do if the government asks him to do something that is against the teaching of Jesus?

18. We will talk about your answer in class.

Peter tells two ways in which Christians should live as strangers in the world. What are they?

- (1) _____
- (2) _____