

LESSON 1

THANKS A LOT

1 PETER 1:1–9



1 What are you thankful for?

2 How do you show your gratitude?



Read the introductory material to 1 Peter, 1 Peter 1:1–9, and the following notes:

☐ 1:1 ☐ 1:2 ☐ 1:3 ☐ 1:3–6 ☐ 1:4

3 What has God done for us (1:3–5)?

4 How did Peter respond to what God had done for him (1:6–9)?

The Christians to whom Peter wrote were suffering for their faith. Many of these Christians had had to decide whether it was worth paying the price to follow Christ. Peter opened his letter by reminding them of how much God had done for them. Christ had saved them from their sin and prepared a place for them in heaven. Meanwhile, Christ was protecting them from evil with his power. What a reason to praise God, despite what they were going through! God has indeed done great things for us. This “wonderful expectation” (1:3) gives us all the reason we need to rejoice and be encouraged.



5 Why does God deserve our praise and thanks?

6 How do praising and thanking God help us to remember what he has done for us?

7 How has God changed your life?



8 For what are you most grateful?

9 How can you thank God for what he has done for you?

10 What are some ways you can show your gratitude to God?



11 Write a brief prayer of thanks that expresses your gratitude for what God has done for you.

12 What else will do you this week to thank God?

A What has God promised about our salvation (1:5)? What else has God promised for your future? From which of these promises can you draw strength and encouragement now?

B What did these new Christians have to endure (1:6)? Why do some people oppose or harass Christians? What is the best way for you to respond when people harass you because of your faith?

C Why does God let us suffer (1:7)? What barriers in your life might keep you from handling trials the way God wants you to? How can you remove those barriers?

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