

***Study Hints for Thinking Further***  
***International Bible Lessons***

***1 Peter 1:3-16***

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Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all of the **Five Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further** below. Others may want to send the bulletin size *International Bible Lesson* home with their students for further study in the coming week to encourage continuing Bible study. The *Study Hints for Thinking Further* below are not actually intended to be answers to the discussion questions, but hints a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class.

**Five Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further**

**1. Give one reason God has chosen, destined, and sanctified you as a Christian.**

Read 1 Peter 1:2; see also 1 Peter 1:13-16.

**2. How has God given Christians a new birth and a living hope?**

Read 1 Peter 1:3

**3. How does Peter describe the inheritance of Christians? What does that lead you to think about God? How does knowing these truths make you feel?**

Read 1 Peter 1:4

**4. Give one reason Christians suffer various trials on earth.**

Read 1 Peter 1:6-7

**5. Does someone need to see Jesus in order to become a true believer in Jesus? Why is this truth important for both believers and unbelievers to know?**

Read 1 Peter 1:8-9. We do not need to see Jesus in order to believe, and the Apostles and writers of the New Testament did not encourage people to try to see Jesus before He returns in the clouds as He left. This truth is important so people are not misled into various “ways” to practice in order to see Jesus, or told that true believers have seen Jesus, or told that you must see Jesus to have assurance that you are saved.

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