

Study Hints for Thinking Further
International Bible Lessons

2 Peter 1:1-21

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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. Do you think churches today emphasize godliness as much as Peter did in his letters?

The answer often depends on the church and the location of the churches. Perhaps in some churches and places the answer is “no,” because otherwise more Christians in these places would serve as godly Christian examples in the church and in the world.

2. What reason does Peter give for the corruption that is in the world? Give some examples.

See 2 Peter 1:4. Some people love money and want more and more money so they can fulfill more of their other desires and behave in ways contrary to the Bible’s teachings and the will of God.

3. What does Peter say we need to do in addition to having faith?

See 2 Peter 1:5-7. If we have true faith in Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit will move within us and inspire us to do these things or strive to do these things.

4. Give some reasons for or examples of people who are “ineffective and unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 1:8).

Some people know about Jesus, but they refuse to acknowledge Him as their Lord and Savior. Some people think they only need to acknowledge Jesus as their Savior to be saved, and it does not really matter if they obey Jesus as their Lord. Some say they are Christians, sometimes to mislead others, but they refuse to turn from self-centeredness or the practice of the sins they love.

5. From where did the scriptures and true prophecies come?

See 2 Peter 1:20-21. People moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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