

Answering Life's Big Questions

A Bible study in I Peter



Lesson 2: Who am I?

Review: What is the emphasis in I Peter on the character and work of God? _____

Peter knows all about changing identities! He went from fisherman to disciple of Jesus to denier of Jesus to forgiven denier of Jesus to apostle and leader of the early church to revered “elder statesman” of the church. Read what he says about our identity at the very beginning of his letter:

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. (I Peter 1:3-5)

We saw in Lesson 1 that these verses are packed with truth about who God is! But they also contain one giant truth to answer the question *Who am I?*

I am a child of God, mercifully born again.

I. I am born again *according to*

1:3 _____

II. I am born again *to*

1:3 _____

1:4 _____

3:18 _____

1:22b-23 _____

III. I am born again *through*

1:3 _____

1:23 _____

IV. I am born again *from*

1:14 _____

1:18 _____

2:9-10 _____

2:25 _____

V. I am born again *into*

1:14-15 _____

2:5 _____

4:17 _____

2:9-10 _____

We are born into a group entity, a collective identity. We are not an only child in a single-parent home!

Who am I?

I am a mercifully born-again, cherished child of God in Christ, part of a larger family of God.

Memory verse:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you. (I Peter 1:3-4)

Lesson 2 Study Questions: Identity, yours & Peter's

Day 1 – Peter's identity

What do you learn from the following verses about Peter's life before he met Jesus?

John 1:40 _____

John 1:44 _____

Matthew 4:18 _____

Mark 1:21, 29 _____

Mark 1:30 _____

Mark 14:70, Matt. 26:73 _____

Acts 4:13 _____

Acts 10:14 _____

What do you learn from the following verses about how Peter self-identified? What did Peter say he was?

Luke 5:8 _____

Mark 10:28 _____

Mark 14:29 _____

John 13:37 _____

John 18:17, 25 _____

I Peter 1:1 _____

I Peter 5:1 _____

II Peter 1:1 _____

Day 2 – Your identity

List 20 words to describe your identity. Think of how you might answer the questions "Who are you?" or "What are you?"

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Day 3 – How Jesus saw Peter and how He sees you

What do you learn in the following verses about how Jesus identified (viewed) Peter?

Mark 3:16 _____

Matthew 4:19 _____

Matthew 16:18 _____

Matthew 16:23 _____

Luke 22:31 _____

Luke 22:32 _____

John 21:15-19 _____

Imagine that Jesus was sitting next to you and you asked Him, "Who am I?" List 10 things He might say.

Compare this list with your 20-item list in Day 2.

Day 4 – Peter’s roles in the service of Jesus and the gospel

List the roles Peter filled (the jobs he did) in the course of his life as a follower of Jesus.

Matthew 10:1 _____

Matthew 10:5-8 _____

Matthew 17:27 _____

Luke 22:8-13 _____

Acts 2:38 _____

Acts 3:6-7 _____

Acts 5:3 _____

Acts 9:31-35 _____

Acts 9:36-40 _____

Acts 12:5 _____

Acts 15:7 _____

What new roles have you found yourself filling since becoming a Christian? _____

Day 5 – The New Birth

Peter and John are the only Bible writers to use the phrase "born again." Read John 3:1-21 in which Jesus teaches Nicodemus about the new birth.

What are we born *through*?

John 3:5, 8 _____

John 3:16-17 _____

What are we born *to*?

John 3:5 _____

John 3:6 _____

John 3:16 _____

John 3:17 _____

John 3:21 _____

What are we born *from*?

John 3:16 _____

John 3:18 _____

John 3:19-20 _____