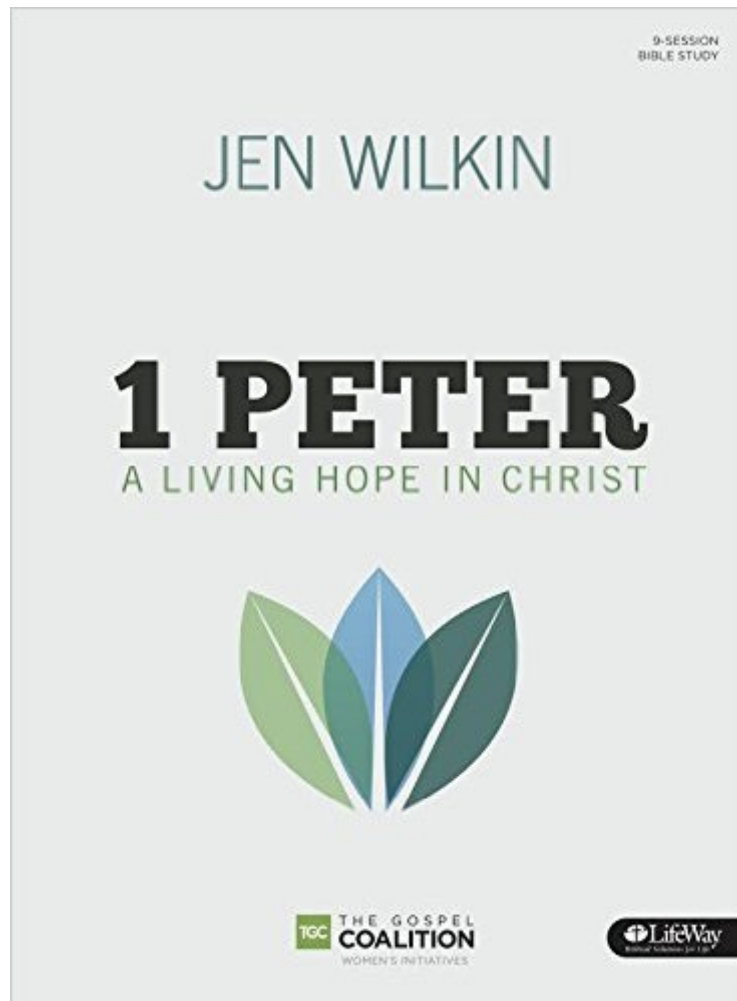


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# 1 Peter: A Living Hope In Christ - Bible Study Book (Gospel Coalition)



## Synopsis

Our inheritance through Christ is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. In 1 Peter, a man of faith and flaws and eyewitness to the life of Christ challenges us to look beyond our current circumstances to a future inheritance. He shares his concerns on big picture issues for the early church, describes believers' true identity in Christ, and ultimately helps readers discover what it means to experience the Living Hope they have in Christ. Key themes of humility, submission, and identity in Christ guide the study of 1 Peter as participants are challenged to read the book in its entirety each week. (9 sessions) Features: Personal study segments to complete between group sessions 9-session study with 8 weeks of homework Verse-by-verse approach to complete a book study Benefits: Expand your understanding of 1 Peter for personal spiritual growth by reading the book in its entirety throughout each week of study Follow a verse-by-verse approach to complete a book study Discover the gospel of Christ as learners seek to conform fully to the Scriptures Dig deeper into Scripture individually and alongside other women "both those new to Bible study and those more familiar with Scriptures" with this widely-applicable study

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## Customer Reviews

I received a copy of this Bible study guide for review from Lifeway. One thing that was disappointing is that it is set up to be done with a dvd teaching curriculum, which I don't have. I felt like I was missing part of the study by not having the teaching to go along with it. However, I went ahead to

review the study without the dvd curriculum. One of the great things about this 9 week study is that at the beginning of each week, on day 1, we are to read through the whole book of 1 Peter. This is an important part of Bible study, getting the full context of the book. I was quite pleased that this was made a part of the study. The full text in the ESV is also included in the back of the study guide. Bible study is much better done in community, so I did not get the full impact of this study as I likely would if doing it with a group. But I found the questions were good at asking what the text was saying and what it would have meant to the original audience, as well as looking at cross-references to broaden the understanding of a concept (such as holiness). This is not a "fluff" Bible study like so many that are out there that tend to focus on feelings. This study asks questions and digs into the text for a better understanding of God's Word. Having read Jen's book *Women of the Word* and its excellent explanation of how to study the Bible, I expected this study guide to be well-written and it was. I hope to be able to do this study in a group with the dvd teaching at some point to benefit more from it. In the meantime, I think it is a great study for women to do in better learning not only about 1 Peter, but also how to really study the Bible. There are group discussion questions at the end of each lesson to help facilitate the group study.\*I received a copy of this book free from the publisher in exchange for my review.

I love studying the Bible with guides that really help me dig into the purpose of the book. Jen Wilkin's study on 1 Peter does exactly that! This 9 week study helps readers to find the deeper meaning behind Peter's words and how it is applicable to any circumstance they find themselves in. This study was so good for me to really focus on what matters in life- not the here and now, but eternity and the reward I'll receive from the Lord for living a faithful life that is glorifying to Him. It reminded me that my true identity is in Christ, I am a daughter of the King! And living a humble, life submitted to His purpose will best help me live out my identity. I highly recommend this study for anyone who needs a reminder of what's truly important in life, and why finding our identity in Christ will give immeasurable purpose, satisfaction and fulfillment to life.

1 Peter: A Living Hope in Christ by Jen Wilkin is very different from any other Bible Study I have done. Using the Epistle of Peter, Jen teaches us how to study scripture in a way that helps get us as close to the text as possible. Through the nine week study of the five chapters of 1 Peter, we learn to know God better, comprehend through our own study (no commentaries allowed until after the week's homework and teaching is complete!), mark up the text with colored pencils, summarize the main ideas and then paraphrase what we have learned. Jen teaches in a different way than I am

accustomed to by having her video teaching at the end rather than the beginning. We do all the work of diving deeply into what the text says, means and how it relates to us and then Jen gives us her theologically deep commentary on what we just studied. After that, we can go to the commentaries to see what other scholars say about the scriptures. At the end of nine weeks of study, you will have read 1 Peter nine times and comprehended what Peter was teaching the persecuted church. You will learn valuable study tools for future scripture study that will help you observe and apply what you have read. You will have a greater understanding of who God is and what our identity as believers is. Although the video teachings are optional, I would highly recommend watching them, especially the first one that explains the tools and purpose of the study. Disclosure: I am a Lifeway and received a free copy of the book in exchange for my honest review. All opinions are my own.

When I say her study is in depth, I mean this smaller book in the New Testament is a nine-week study. Each day you re-read the entire chapter and then focus in on specific verses, often just one or two over the course of five days. You have an additional wrap-up day, followed by a group discussion guide. This study also has a video portion, however that was not part of the review. I did work through parts of the study as a supplement to my own devotional time and found it rather grueling work. To be honest I felt the pace of the study drug a bit too slow for my own preference. Wilkin is very thorough and Biblically sound in her teaching. She gives contextual insight and derivations of phrases, seeking to have you as the student dig into what you are studying. Having done studies by other authors on books of the Bible I found this one to be biting off more than I wanted to chew, with such a detailed pace it was advancing. I don't believe we should rush through the study of Scripture, but for my preference this isn't one I would choose to lead or study moving forward. If you are looking for an in-depth, Biblical foundation study this is an excellent choice by Wilkin as she provides such focused questions to get you to look at Scripture intently and intensely. She provides an overarching basis for you to carry into other studies of Scripture on your own. If you or your church are seeking to walk through 1 Peter together over the course of a semester, I would recommend this be the study of choice as Wilkin does a spectacular job of digging into the root of the Scripture.

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