

RHYTHMS DAILY READING PLAN | Monday May 11 – Friday May 15

Monday May 11

Read 1 Peter 1:3-4a

1. Peter starts this section with a cry of praise and thanksgiving for the new birth we have - what two things does he say this new birth results in?
2. How does he describe the inheritance? What do you think he's referring to?
3. How has the 'living hope' been made possible?

Prayer - Prayer - spend some time praising and thanking God for the living hope and inheritance that is yours, as a child of God, through the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

Tuesday May 12

Read 1 Peter 1:4b-5

1. What assurances does Peter give in this passage?
2. Peter describes believers as those who are 'shielded by God's power'. Skim your eyes over Ephesians 1:18-21. How does Paul reiterate this in his letter?
3. Does that mean there will be no suffering in the life of a Christian person? Why / why not?

Prayer - turn to Ephesians 1:18-21 and pray these verses over your own life. John 6:66-70

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Wednesday May 13

Read 1 Peter 1:6-7

1. From verse 6, how would you describe the suffering and trials that Peter speaks of?
2. What does he say about their duration?
3. How does he describe the purpose of such trials? Can you think of an experience in your life that has proven the genuineness of your faith?

Prayer - spend time praying for Christians in persecuted countries (check out opendoors.org.au for some prayer ideas). Ask that their faith, and ours, may result in praise, glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Thursday May 14

Read 1 Peter 1:8-9

1. How does Peter describe the faith of his readers in verse 8. In what way is that different from Peter's faith?
2. What does verse 9 teach about salvation, a key theme in Peter's letter? Compare this with what we read in 1:5 on Tuesday.
3. What fills you with inexpressible and glorious joy? Does the salvation of your soul fill you with that joy? If not, why not?

Prayer - ask God to help you rejoice in loving Jesus today - to fill you with an inexpressible and glorious joy at the salvation you have, secured for you, in Jesus.

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Read 1 Peter 1:10-12

1. What does Peter say in these verses about what the prophets knew, and didn't know?
2. What role does the Holy Spirit play in both the prophets and the recipients of the letter?
3. In what ways are we living in a very privileged time, this side of the cross of Jesus?

Prayer - spend some time in reflection, repentance and confession if you sometimes take God's word for granted. Ask God to remind you of the privileged position we're in to know Jesus and the salvation we find in his name.