

## 1 Peter:

### Pilgrims and Problems

*Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,  
To God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia  
and Bithynia,  
1 Peter 1:1 (NIV)*

*All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things  
promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were  
foreigners and strangers on earth.  
Hebrews 11:13 (NIV)*

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy  
Spirit you may abound in hope.  
Romans 15:13 (ESV)*

### Some things to understand about Pilgrims...

#### 1. The Pilgrim has a \_\_\_\_\_.

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us  
new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,<sup>4</sup> and into an  
inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you,<sup>5</sup> who  
through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be  
revealed in the last time.<sup>6</sup> In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may  
have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.*

*These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold,  
which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus  
Christ is revealed.<sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not  
see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy,<sup>9</sup> for you  
are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.*

*1 Peter 1:3-9 (NIV)*

- It is our \_\_\_\_\_.
- It is \_\_\_\_\_ for us.

**Greek word literally means:** \_\_\_\_\_.

*To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious  
presence without fault and with great joy.  
Jude 1:24 (NIV)*

*The Lord watches over you—  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;  
Psalm 121:5 (NIV)*

**2. The Pilgrim has an \_\_\_\_\_.**

*But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*

*1 Peter 2:9-10 (NIV)*

**3. The Pilgrim has a \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul.<sup>12</sup> Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.*

*1 Peter 2:11-12 (NIV)*

*Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves.<sup>17</sup> Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.*

*1 Peter 2:16 (NIV)*

**4. The Pilgrim is willing to \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_.**

*For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.<sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.*

*1 Peter 3:17-18 (NIV)*

*Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, ...  
Romans 5:3a (NIV)*

**5. The Pilgrim has a \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.<sup>11</sup> If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.*

*1 Peter 4:10-11 (NIV)*

*Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for God's glory.*

*1 Corinthians 10:31 (HCSB)*

*..let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*

*Matthew 5:16 (NIV)*

