

- 1) The world today is a different place than it was just a year ago. But it isn't just circumstance that changes. We all change too. For starters, we are all older, and ideally wiser. How are you physically different than you were a year ago? How are you spiritually different than you were a year ago?
- 2) Read 1Peter 1:1-3. Peter says we have been born into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Describe the living hope you have in your own words.
- 3) Read 1Peter 1:4 and Ephesians 1:13-14. What inheritance is being kept in heaven for you? Does the truth of 1 Corinthians 15:50-57 change your answer?
- 4) Read 1Peter 1:5. How has the power of God shielded/protected you? What other Scripture reminds and affirms you of God's protection?
- 5) Read 1Peter 1:6. What trial/pain/grief have you recently endured? How did you overcome it? How did that trial change you? Read 1Peter 1:7-9. What was/is God's purpose in allowing you to encounter trials?
- 6) In Sunday's message Pastor Marcus observed that, "Sanctification is a felt process." Think about how it felt/feels. Peter calls this "the sanctifying work of the Spirit for obedience to Jesus Christ." Do you believe what Scripture says? If so, how should we respond? Consider James 1:2-4. Does that change your answer?
- 7) Consider 1Peter 1:1-9 and fill in the blanks:

We are saved by the blood of the Lord. THEREFORE P\_\_\_\_\_ Him!  
We are sanctified by the Spirit. THEREFORE hold to your F\_\_\_\_\_.  
We are shielded by God's power. THEREFORE exercise F\_\_\_\_\_.  
We suffer, for we are strangers to this world and we belong at home with Him, THEREFORE B\_\_\_\_\_ in Him! Trust His Word!