

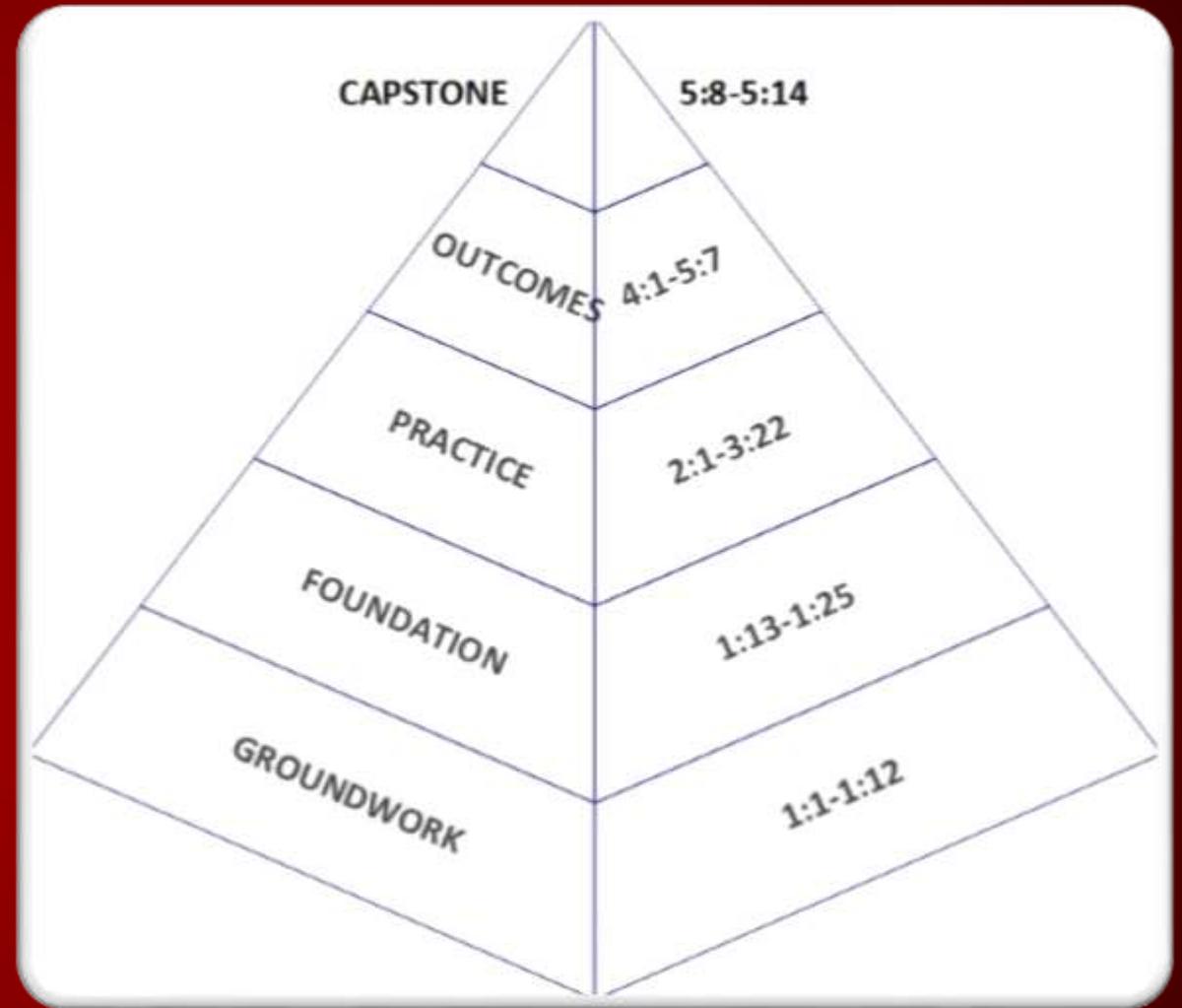
THE PREMISE OF HOLINESS I PETER 1:1-2

Lesson III – God and His Persons

Groundwork Studies in I Peter

Peter's Pattern

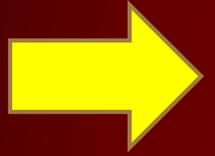
1. Knowledge (Beliefs)
2. Becoming
3. Action
4. Results
5. Rewards



Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are **chosen** according to the **foreknowledge** of **God the Father**, by the **sanctifying** work of the **Spirit**, to obey **Jesus Christ** and be **sprinkled** with His **blood**: May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure.

I Peter 1:1-2 NASB

IMPORTANT WORDS IN VERSE 2



- **God**

- Father

- Jesus Christ

- Spirit

- Chosen

- Foreknowledge

- Sprinkled

- Blood

- Sanctifying

transcendent

Simple
Eternal

GOD

BEING

Immutable
Boundless

timeless eternity

Omniscient

Omniscient

time-bound creation

ACTIONS

immanent

Good
Gracious
Loving

communicable

incommunicable

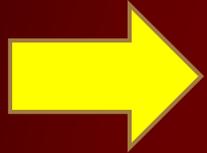
incommunicable

Omnipotent
Omnipotent

Sovereign
Righteous
Just

Omnipresent
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THE FATHER IS GOD

- Adam is called “the son of God” *Luke 3:38*
- The Israelites called God “Father” *Isaiah 63:16*
- Jesus called God “Father” *Luke 11:2*
- The early church called God “Father” *Rom. 6:4*

UNDISPUTED

JESUS (THE SON) IS ALSO GOD

1. The Bible ascribes **divine names** to Him:

- Emanuel (“God with us” Matt. 1:23)
- Son of God (John 5:18)
- I AM (John 8:58)
- Son of Man (Dan. 7:13–14, John 5:27)
- Eternal Father, Mighty God (Isa. 9:6)

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2. He is **worshiped**:

- **Matt. 2:11** “After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and **worshiped** Him.”
- **Matt. 14:33** “And those who were in the boat **worshiped** Him, saying, ‘You are certainly God’s Son!’”
- **Matt. 28:9** “And behold, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they came up and took hold of His feet and **worshiped** Him.”

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3. The New Testament writers call Him God:

- John 1:1 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was **God**.”
- Titus 2:13 “Looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of **our great God** and Savior, Christ Jesus.”
- 2 Peter 1:1 “To those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, by the righteousness of **our God** and Savior, Jesus Christ.”
- Rom. 9:5 “Of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the **eternally blessed God**. Amen.”

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4. Jesus **claimed** to be God:

- John 8:58–59a “Jesus said to them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, **I am.**’ Therefore they picked up stones to throw at Him.”
- John 10:30–33 “**‘I and the Father are one.’** The Jews picked up stones again to stone Him. Jesus answered them, ‘I showed you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you stoning Me?’ The Jews answered Him, ‘For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy; and because You, being a man, **make Yourself out to be God.**’”

AND THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD

1. He is called “the Lord” and “God”:

- 2 Cor. 3:17–18 “Now **the Lord is the Spirit**, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from **the Lord, the Spirit.**”
- Acts 5:3–4 “But Peter said, ‘Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to **lie to the Holy Spirit** and to keep back some of the price of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not under your control? Why is it that you have conceived this deed in your heart? **You have not lied to men but to God.**’”

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2. He is a **person**, not a force:

- • He is **intelligent** (1 Cor. 2:10–13).
- • He has **emotions** (Eph. 4:30).
- • He has a **will** (Acts 8:29, 9:31; 13:2; 15:28; 16:6; 1 Cor. 12:11).
- • **Blasphemy against Him** is the “unforgivable sin” (Matt. 12:32).
- • He **humbles** Himself and exalts Christ (John 15:26; 16:13–14).

SO....

The Father is God,
Jesus is God, and the
Holy Spirit is God.

But I thought God is ONE... in
number and substance?!?

