

STUDYING 2 PETER



9: So Far...

We have come to the end of chapter 1 and this weeks homework will be different. Instead of studying a new section of 2 Peter, look back over what you have learned these past weeks and write a summary of chapter 1 in your own words.

It is important to do this because sometimes when we study a book in short sections we can lose sight of how those sections fit together and where they fit in the whole book. It will also be a check to make sure you have correctly understood each short section.

As you write your summary keep these things in mind:

- Your summary should be short — avoid unnecessary words but make sure all the important points are included.
- Your summary should be in your own words — avoid difficult words, jargon and unfamiliar theological terms. Write it just as you see it in the kind of language you use all the time.
- Keep the overall purpose of Peter's letter in mind and think about how your conclusions fit with it?
- Begin by taking the summaries you made at the end of each section and joining them together. If they do not join up easily, perhaps with the addition of a few words here and there, you have probably gone wrong with one or more of those smaller sections.
- The ideas in your summary should flow naturally from one to the next. If there are sudden and unexpected changes in thought or direction, again you have probably gone wrong somewhere. Try to find out where and how.