

1 Peter Overview

Who wrote 1 Peter? _____

In every list of the disciples, Peter was named first. His name means _____. He wasn't always a model of rock-life firmness, but the Lord made a rock out of him!

1 Peter was written to believers in five regions known as Asia _____. Individuals who've been forced from their homeland into a foreign land are _____. Their identity as Christians was not only the source of great joy but also the reason for their _____.

Timeline of relevant events

30 AD Peter becomes a disciple of Jesus

33 AD Death/resurrection of Jesus; Peter witnesses Jesus' resurrection; preaches at Pentecost

38 AD Peter witnesses to Cornelius (a _____)

44 AD Peter was imprisoned and released

54 AD Peter goes to Rome

54-68 AD Reign of _____, emperor of Roman Empire

62 AD Peter writes 1 Peter

64 AD Fire in Rome; Nero blames Christians and starts killing them

64 AD Peter is _____ in Rome (believed to be crucified upside down)

_____ served as Peter's scribe and delivered the letter across Asia Minor.

Why was 1 Peter written?

- to encourage _____ in the face of suffering and persecution
- to teach believers to _____ Jesus and follow His example of suffering
- to encourage them to put their _____ in God rather than joys & comforts of world
- to instruct believers to live righteous, _____ lives in their homes and in society

1 Peter contains themes of God's _____, the suffering of Jesus and believers, the hope of the gospel, and life in a world that is not our home. We are encouraged to pursue _____ living in a hostile world with hope for the future.

Repeated words: suffering, trial, hope, glory, joy, grace, holy, and the phrase "be subject to" Peter refers to suffering at least _____ times using 8 different Greek words. He is preeminently the apostle of _____.

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Structure of 1 Peter

Swindoll	Our Living Hope and Holy Life	Our Submission and God's Honor	Our Suffering and Christ's Suffering
	1:3-2:12	2:13-3:7	3:8-5:11
MacArthur	Remember our Great Salvation	Remember our Example before Men	Remember our Lord will Return
	1:3-2:10	2:11-4:6	4:7-5:11

Key verses: 1 Peter 1:3-4, 1:7, 1:13-15, 2:21

Peter wrote the book to elect exiles. _____ is God's eternal choice of persons for everlasting life, not because of their merit but of His mercy in Christ. Ephesians 1:4

We were chosen by God the Father, sanctified by the Holy Spirit, _____ and called to obedience to Jesus. In His foreknowledge God chose people for redemption before He _____ the world. The Holy Spirit stirs in hearts a reaching toward God, giving understanding of the gospel and conviction of _____ which brings us to faith in Jesus and His shed blood. The Father _____, the Spirit _____, the Son cleanses.

Grace is God's favor of undeserved _____. Peace comes from the presence of God, not the absence of _____.

Biblical hope is a steadfast _____ based on what God says in His Word.

HOPE: Holding On with Patient E _____

God's work in our lives as the God of hope allows us to live a life that relies on the certainty, truth, and reality of God and His _____.

Hope & _____. God's work of salvation is not just for our future in heaven but also for holiness.

_____ is a normal part of the Christian life. The believers Peter wrote to were suffering because they lived by different priorities, values, and allegiances. We are to be set apart as _____ from the world's views, thoughts, and desires – and their impact on our daily walk, our words, minds, and _____.

In 1 Peter, Peter quoted _____ verses from the Old Testament. Early believers _____ knowing and living God's Word. Joshua 1:8, Psalm 119:11

God uses _____ to strengthen our faith. Let's walk in holiness and hope as women of faith!