

Through the Bible Course

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**1 Peter**

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Key Word: “Suffer” (occurs approximately 15 times)

Key Verse: 4:19

Date: About 62-64 AD

Author: Apostle Peter

To Whom Addressed: (1:1, 2) To the elect scattered throughout Asia Minor. These were Jewish and Gentile Christians.

Purpose: “To comfort and encourage those in distress and urge them to remain loyal to Christ in spite of persecution.” (Century Bible)

Salutation: Chapter 1:1, 2

I. Chapter 1:3-21 – The Great Salvation

1. 1:3-9 – What it brings
  - a. verse 3 – living hope
  - b. verse 4 – an incorruptible inheritance
  - c. verse 5 – guarded by power of God
  - d. verses 6-9 – rejoicing in spite of suffering
2. 1:10-12 – Revealed to us
  - a. prophets spoke about it, but did not understand
  - b. angels desired to know about it
3. 1:13-21 – In view of cost of this salvation, we should be obedient
  - a. verses 18, 19 – cost of redemption was blood of Christ
  - b. verses 20, 21 – He was foreordained before foundation of world

II. Chapter 1:22 – 2:10 – Blessings and Privileges of Believers

1. 1:22-25 – New birth
2. 2:1-3 – Spiritual growth
3. 2:4-10 – Christ stumbling-block to unbelievers, but previous to believers
  - a. verses 9, 10 – believers given honorable position in spiritual house

III. Chapter 2:11 – 3:9 – The Believers’ Position and Duties

1. 2:11-12 – Live as pilgrims and strangers
2. 2:13-17 – Submission to ordinances of man for Lord’s sake
3. 2:18-25 – Suffer wrongfully having Christ as an example

4. 3:1-7 – Duties of wives and husbands
5. 3:8-9 – Love as brethren (1) Refrain tongue from evil (2) Eschew evil (3) Seek peace
6. 3:10-13 – Some general exhortations

IV. Chapter 3:14 – 4:19 – Comforts in Midst of Trials and Sufferings

1. 3:14-22 – Suffer for righteousness sake, remembering Christ's sufferings
2. 4:1-11 – Christ's suffering for us calls for purity of life (verses 2, 3). Also consecration to God.
3. 4:12-19 – Rejoice in suffering for Christ, but refrain from evil and suffering which follows
  - a. verse 19 – commit keeping of souls to God

V. Chapter 5:1-14 – Final Exhortations and Warnings

1. 5:1-4 – Instructions for elders
2. 5:5-7 – Young and old alike cast care upon God
3. 5:8, 9 – Warnings against devil
4. 5:10-14 – Benediction and greetings