

Presence Theater Church
Bible Survey
The First Epistle of Peter

Peter's first epistle addresses Christians facing persecution for their _____.
As a comfort, Peter reminds them to live lives of _____ to God's will.

Who wrote it? The apostle Peter is the writer of this epistle with some assistance from Silvanus (_____, 5:12).

Date of writing _____ Surrounding Circumstances:

- Peter is writing to Christians who are “_____ scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia” (1:1). The world is becoming increasingly hostile to them now that the _____, as well as the Jews, are persecuting the church.

Key Term: _____: This epistle emphasizes hope for suffering believers. Hope (Greek, *elpis*) means “future _____” rather than a vague expectation of some future occurrence.

Location of Events: Either Rome or _____. 1 Peter 5:13 mentions “Babylon”, but scholars are divided as to whether this refers literally to Babylon in Mesopotamia or symbolically to Rome.

Book Outline: I. The _____ of the Believer (1:1-2:12)

- Salvation of the Believer (1:1-12)
- Sanctification of the Believer (1:13-2:12)

II. The _____ of the Believer (2:13-3:12)

- Submission to Government (2:13-17)
- Submission to Business (2:18-25)
- Submission in Marriage (3:1-8)
- Submission to All of Life (3:9-12)

III. The _____ of the Believer (3:13-5:14)

- Conduct in Suffering (3:13-17)
- Christ's Example of Suffering (3:18-4:6)
- Commands in Suffering (4:7-19)
- Minister in Suffering (5:1-9)
- Benediction (5:10-14)

Summary in one sentence: As Christians grow in understanding their privileges in salvation, their blessings of _____, and the theology of _____, they will live in holiness and humility, waiting for their great future hope of sharing Christ's glory.

Summary in ten words or less: _____

Cast of Characters: *Peter* – an apostle of Jesus; the first man to proclaim Jesus _____; *Those under authority* – ought to submit in _____, knowing it is temporary; *Wives* – should submit to their husband and influence unbelievers with their _____; *Husbands* – should respect their wives as _____ of the gift of life; *The elders* – should be shepherds of God's flock

Verse to Remember: *“But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.”* (1 Peter 2:9)

- Interesting Facts:**
1. Peter was married and his wife sometimes traveled with him. (1 Corinthians 9:5)
 2. According to tradition, Peter was crucified upside down in Rome prior to Nero's death in A.D. 68.
 3. 1 Peter contains the word “suffering” and its equivalents, some 20 times.
 - The sufferings of Christ are mentioned in every chapter of 1 Peter.

What is my take away? As Christians we must be able to endure hardness as good soldiers while always remembering our distinct place in the family of God.