

1 Peter 01 - Introduction

“Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia. “

- 1 Peter 1:1

1. Purpose of the study of 1 Peter

- a. To become familiar with a non-Pauline epistle – 2 Tim 3:16; Rom 15:4
- b. To study Peter’s message to the little flock – Luke 12:52; 1 Peter 2:2
- c. To handle trouble passages that cause people to err – 2 Peter 3:16
- d. To learn how to apply the three-fold method of Bible study

2. What to expect

- a. Dispensational context – Peter and the little flock
 - i. Before the notable day of the Lord - Acts 2:16,20
 - ii. The scattering - 1 Peter 1:1 and Acts 8:1
 - iii. We do not hear from Peter after the Acts 15 council
- b. Audience - Gal 2:6-9 – Peter writes to the circumcision (1 Peter 1:2)
- c. Purpose – 1 Pet 1:13; Heb 10:25 – Exhorting each other in the day of trial
- d. Theme – 1 Peter 1:7, 4:13 – Patient Suffering and Glory

3. Popular Passages

- a. Desire sincere milk of the word - 1 Peter 2:2
- b. Ye are a chosen generation - 1 Peter 2:9
- c. The woman’s passage - 1 Peter 3:3-4
- d. Prayers that are hindered - 1 Peter 3:7,12
- e. Be ready to give an answer - 1 Peter 3:15
- f. The like figure of baptism - 1 Peter 3:21
- g. Your adversary seeks whom he will devour - 1 Peter 5:8

4. Key Passages

- a. Suffering and the glory that should follow - 1 Peter 1:10-11
- b. Future salvation – 1 Peter 1:5,9,13
- c. Is this the mystery? – 1 Peter 1:18-19, 2:24
- d. Unto you who believe – this identifies the little flock - 1 Peter 2:6-7
- e. If ye “do well” - 1 Peter 2:20
- f. Judgment in the house of God - 1 Peter 4:17-19

5. Brief Outline of 1 Peter

- a. 1 – The trial and hope of salvation
- b. 2 – The promise and submission to suffering
- c. 3 – Subject to authority; Suffering for well-doing
- d. 4 – Righteous endurance through trials
- e. 5 – Hope through suffering