

1 Peter 1

Let us open with prayer..

Intro to Peter

Of all of the apostles he is the most mentioned in the four gospels

- The first half of Acts is focused on Peter.
- Peter called to Christ in his early ministry brought by Andrew his brother. And was the first to **recognize the truth about Jesus**

Matthew 16:15-19 15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered and said, "**You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.**" 17 Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

- The Lord clearly singled out Peter for special lessons

Luke 22:31-34 And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift *you* as wheat. 32 But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to *Me*, strengthen your brethren." 33 But he said to Him, "Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death." 34 Then He said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me."

- After Jesus resurrection and ascension was clearly used by the Holy Spirit to teach and to preform miracles. On the day of Pentecost Peter was the first to bear witness of him
- According to (Blue letter Bible)and early church tradition , particularly from Clement of Alexandria He was forced to watch his wife be crucified but encouraged her with the words "Remember the Lord"then when he was to be crucified he insisted he was not worthy to be crucified like Christ and insisted he be hung upside down which they did.

Nelson points out that throughout this letter Peter emphasis 5 different themes.

1. Christians can expect suffering as part of a life dedicated to Christ, suffering was Gods tool to shape godly character within them.
2. He extorts Christians to live righteous and holy lives in the face of the evils around them.
3. Although Christians would suffer injustice on this earth, there would come a time when God would right every wrong and reward those who endured.
4. Christians are to submit themselves to others for the sake of the gospel and for the sake of harmonious interpersonal relationships.
5. Jesus endured the agony of the cross to save us from our bondage of sin. Christ example, his sinless life, his quiet endurance of suffering, and his commitment to the truth should be our model in all the difficulties of life.

1. Reassurance in Gods grace and salvation

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

- Most of this area is in what is now modern day Turkey

2 **elect** according to the **foreknowledge of God the Father**, in **sanctification of the Spirit**, for **obedience** and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.

- **Elect** from the Greek word for “called out ones” this is the same word used for those who receive Christ during the tribulation time
- IOW Everything is ready

Ephesians 1:4-6 just as He chose us in **Him before the foundation of the world**, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us **accepted in the Beloved**.

Romans 8:28-30 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose. 29 For **whom He foreknew**, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these **He also justified**; and whom He justified, these **He also glorified**

3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy **has begotten us again to a living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an **inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you**, 5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

- Heaven is our home, we are sojourners here

Colossians 1:5-6 5 because of **the hope which is laid up for you in heaven**, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel, 6 which has come to you, as *it has* also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, as *it is* also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth;

- The Holy Spirit working through Peter reminds us nothing here is permanent.

Psalms 61:5 For You, O God, have heard my vows; You have given *me* the heritage of those who fear Your name.

Colossians 1:12-14 giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

- We may not fully understand what God has prepared for us but one day we will.
- What is this inheritance.

The Greek word used here means reserved, it is an inheritance made possible by Jesus Christ in the past and is now kept by Him till the proper time of delivery. Zodiates states “it is not an inheritance of the believer only that is kept in heaven, but also we who are currently alive on earth are being guarded, meaning that we are being guarded by God who is in heaven while, through faith, we are awaiting our liberation from earth.” He goes on “This guarding has as its purpose our deliverance at the resurrection.”

6 In this you greatly rejoice, though **now for a little while**, if need be, you have been **grieved by various trials**, 7 that the **genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes**, though it is **tested by fire**, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the ***revelation of Jesus Christ**, 8 whom having not seen, you love. Though now you do not see *Him*, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, 9 receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of *your souls*.

- We will have trials and these will help strengthen us

James 1:2 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. 4 But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

- The Genuineness of your faith being tested by fire

Romans 8:16-17 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together.

- The revelation of Jesus Christ. The Greek word used here Apokalupsis means His reign is now invisible to the world. It will, however be made visible by His revelation
- James, Peter and Paul all point out that our time here on earth is a time of testing, but it is a testing to the Glory of God. Our testing strengthens us and prepares us for greater challenges, it also teaches us and strengthens our faith that God will always be there for us

Hebrews 12:7-11 7 If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? 8 But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. 9 Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected *us*, and we paid *them* respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? 10 For they indeed for a few days chastened *us* as seemed *best* to them, but He for *our* profit, that *we* may be partakers of His holiness. 11 Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

10 Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who **prophesied of the grace that would come to you**, 11 searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of

Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.

- It was found to be true

2 Peter 1:19-21 19 And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; 20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke *as they were moved* by the Holy Spirit.

The mysteries of the gospel, and the methods of man's salvation, are so glorious that the blessed angels earnestly desire to look into them; they are curious, accurate, and industrious in prying into them; they consider the whole scheme of man's redemption with deep attention and admiration, particularly the points the apostle had been discoursing of: *Which things the angels desire to stoop down and look into, as the cherubim did continually towards the mercy-seat.* (Henry)

12 To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, **but to us** they were ministering the things which **now have been reported to you** through those who have preached the **gospel to you** by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which **angels desire to look into.**

- Is what has been recorded, for us

Deuteronomy 29:29 "The secret *things belong* to the LORD our God, but those *things which are revealed belong* to us and to our children forever, that *we* may do all the words of this law.

2. Reassurance of holiness

13 Therefore **gird up the loins of your mind,**

- Be ready for battle- Satan attacks what God loves.

Job 1:6-8 6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them. 7 And the LORD said to Satan, "From where do you come?" So **Satan answered** the LORD and said, "**From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it.**" 8 Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job, that *there is* none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?"

Ephesians 6:12-13 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, **but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.** 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Job 1:9-12 9 So **Satan answered the LORD** and said, "Does Job fear God for nothing? 10 Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. 11 **But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!**" 12 And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has *is* in your power; only do not lay a hand on his *person*." So **Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.**

be sober, and rest *your* hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the **revelation of Jesus Christ**; 14 as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, *as in your ignorance*; 15 but as He who called you *is* holy, you also **be holy in all your conduct**, 16 because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

- walk the walk- We are the light of the world, We are the example. Act like it.

Matthew 5:14-16 14 "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

17 And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to **each one's work**, conduct yourselves **throughout the time of your stay here in fear**; 18 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, *like silver or gold*, from your aimless conduct *received* by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

- Call on the Father

The apostle does not there express any doubt at all whether these Christians would call upon their heavenly Father, but supposes they would certainly do it, and from this, argues with them to *pass the time of their sojourning here in fear*: "If you own the great God as a Father and a Judge, you ought to live the time of your sojourning here in his fear." Learn, (Henry)

Matthew 16:27 For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.

Jeremiah 17:10 I, the LORD, search the heart, *I* test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings.

20 He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was **manifest in these last times for you** 21 who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

- Foreordained

Again, God had planned before He even created the world. Knowing that man would fail. Knowing that man would sin, but desiring to prove and to show to man how much He loved him. God planned, before the foundation of the world, to demonstrate His love by the sending of His Son, to bear man's sin, to take the responsibility of your guilt and to die in your place; thus proving that God loves you. You never need to doubt the love of God. All you have to do is look at the cross of Jesus Christ and there God has declared, "manifested His love towards us, in that, while we were sinners, Christ died for the ungodly" ([Romans 5:8](#)). (Smith)

- And Jesus in his prayer for all believers, prayed

John 17:24-26 24 "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. 25 O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. 26 And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare *it*, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

22 Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, **love one another** fervently with a pure heart, 23 having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,

Ephesians 4:1-3 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, 2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, 3 endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

24 because "All flesh *is* as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away, 25 But the **word of the LORD endures forever.**" Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.

Matthew 24:35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.