

THE LETTER OF 1 PETER

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From: Simon Peter (with the help of Silvanus)

To: Believers in the Roman provinces of Asia Minor

Date: 62-63 AD during the reign of Nero

Place: Written probably from Rome

Theme: Our living hope in Christ strengthens us to live as a faithful witness while suffering in a hostile world.

Key Verses: 1 Peter 1:3, 6

Structure:

Living hope gives us grace in salvation (1:1-12)

Living hope gives us grace in submission (1:13-2:10)

Living hope gives us grace as we suffer (2:11-4:19)

Living hope gives us grace to make it home (5:1-14)

Insights from the introduction (1:1-2):

This world is not our home.

God has abandoned chosen you where you are.

Your measure of grace and peace is based on Christ in you and not the world around you.

Discussion Guide

- In what ways have you recently seen Christians marginalized because of their belief? How have they responded?
- Should we as Christians expect to suffer more or less compared to the rest of the world? As time goes on?
- As a whole, do you believe Christians suffer “better” than the rest of the world? Why or why not?
- How does the fact that Peter is the author give authority to this letter?
- Describe the implications of God choosing you.
- Read **2 Corinthians 4:17-18**. Does Paul agree with Peter? Explain your answer.
- What perspectives shift as we remember that this world is not our home?
- In what ways can suffering well be a “missionary effort?”
- How can our group prepare and support each other even when we suffer?
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