



Step by Step

60. 1 Peter



Author // Peter

Original Recipients // Written to believers scattered because of rising persecution.

Date of Writing // Tradition states that Peter died under Nero's persecution of the church sometime around 65 AD, placing the writing of 1 Peter in 63-64 AD.

Type of Literature // Didactic

Major Themes // The Identity of the Child of God; Trials; Practical Christian Living in the Home, the Community, and the Church; Holiness

Occasion for Writing // Rising persecutions forced believers from their homes and scattered them throughout the empire. Peter wrote to encourage and instruct these believers through the challenging times they were facing.



Simple Summary // Scattered far from home, facing rising persecution and attack it was important for the Christian to understand who he is and what he is facing. Peter addresses how a believer should deal with rising difficulty caused by the stand they have taken to live for Christ. Peter will have much to say on the subject of suffering. He will call us to action in the home, the church, and the community and instruct the believer in how to suffer well.



Outline // 1 Peter moves quickly from topic to topic:

- 1 // *Living Hope*
- 2 // *Pilgrim Life*
- 3 // *Life in the Home*
- 4 // *Facing Suffering*
- 5 // *Submitting to God*

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Key Verses

1:3 // 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,

1:6 // In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials,

2:2 // as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby

3:8 // 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; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

4:8 // Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you;

5:16 // Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

Jesus in 1 Peter



Peter was a witness of Christ, became a follower of Christ, spent 3 years with Christ, and has a lot to tell us about Christ:

1:3 // Christ is Lord.

1:7 // Christ will return.

1:11 // Christ was the inspiration behind the OT writings.

1:11 // Christ suffered.

1:19 // Christ redeemed us from the penalty and power of sin.

2:4 // Christ is the chief cornerstone.

2:21 // Christ serves as our example for living.

2:25 // Christ is the Good Shepherd.

3:18 // Christ suffered for our sins, rose again, and preached to those imprisoned.

5:4 // Christ is the Chief Shepherd of the church.

