



First Peter Temporary Residents in a Foreign Land

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“To the Scattered People of God” Introduction to First Peter

1 Peter 1:1-2

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Theme: In this letter, Peter addresses believers scattered throughout five Roman provinces in what is modern Turkey. These believers were experiencing a great deal of opposition and persecution because of their faith. Peter therefore addresses this letter to believers as “strangers and foreigners” (1:1) in a world that was growing increasingly hostile to Christians. By standing firm in the grace of God, they will be able to endure their “fiery ordeal” (4:12), knowing that God was at work to accomplish His purposes and that an eternal imperishable inheritance awaits them in God’s presence.

Outline:

1. The Author

a. As a Disciple

b. As a Leader in the Church

2. The Situation of First Peter

a. Place of writing

b. Date

c. Recipients

d. Occasion

3. Main Themes

a. The believer's identify

b. Living as outsiders in a foreign land

c. Standing firm through suffering

d. A life of holiness and submission

Takeaway: The letter of First Peter reminds us of our high calling as believers in Jesus Christ and encourages us to endure suffering, knowing that God is at our side and that our eternal inheritance is assured in Him.

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