

Welcome to

# Journey through the Bible

Book by book Bible study



# 1 Peter

True Grace for Tough Times

## Distinctive features of 1 Peter

- ★ Essentials of the Christian faith
- ★ Encouragement for suffering saints
- ★ High and holy calling of believers
- ★ Christ as Shepherd, Cornerstone
- ★ Focus on believer's future hope
- ★ Living in harmony in church, at home
- ★ Godly living in an ungodly world

## 1 PETER: True Grace for Fiery Trials

Key verse 5:12, *I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it!*

<b>Standing Fast In Suffering</b>					
Strangers- Scattered					
Stand firm!					
	Salvation:	Sanctification:	Submission:	Suffering:	
1:1-2	1:3-12	1:13-2:12	2:13-3:12	3:13-5:11	5:12-14
Our Destiny	Our Duty	Our Duty	Our Duty	Our Discipline	
Living hope Secure inheritance Glorious joy Future glory	Holy like our Father Love from the heart Grow in the Word Restrain the flesh	To the state To masters/employers To wives and husbands To the body of Christ	To the state To masters/employers To wives and husbands To the body of Christ	For the right reason With the right attitude With praise not shame Will result in eternal glory	
Gave us new birth and a living hope	Redeemed us with His precious blood	Jesus Christ: Bore our sins, set the example of suffering		Rose from the dead and now is exalted in heaven	
Grief in all kinds of trials prove our faith	Holy living leads to false accusations	Suffering: Unjust/for doing good Called to it for Christ		Painful, for a little while, but God will make you strong	
Peter, an apostle, to God's elect				Purpose: to exhort and testify	AD 64 Peter to Jewish and Gentile Christians of the Diaspora, from "Babylon"

## Christians are God's chosen aliens

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,  
To God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood: (1:1–2)

## Christians have a heavenly destiny

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—this inheritance is kept in heaven for you, (1:3–4)

### **We are under God's loving care!**

This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. (1:4-5)

**If God has taken care to assure our future in heaven, He can and will certainly care for us here and now!**

### **Your faith is worth more than gold!**

In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. (1:6–7)

### **Faith brings joy in the trials of life**

Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (1:8–9)

### **Salvation is a long awaited treasure**

Concerning this salvation, the prophets, ... searched intently and with the greatest care, trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow. ... Even angels long to look into these things. (1:10–11)

### **Keep your eye on the finish line!**

Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do;  
(1:13–15)

### **Remember the price Jesus paid for you**

Live out your time as strangers here in reverent fear. For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.  
(1:17–19)

### **You are part of God's eternal plan!**

He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God. (1:20–21)

### **We have a new, forever life in Christ**

Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. (1:22–23)

### **Now we must live a new kind of life!**

Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind.

Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

(2:1-3)

### **We have a new identity in Christ**

As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. (2:4–5)

### **We have a high and holy purpose**

You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; (2:9–10)

### **But, we must win the war within!**

I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us. (2:11–12)

**The flesh is Satan's "fifth column"**

### **Live free, but as servants of God!**

It is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men. Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God. Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor. (2:16–17)

### **Follow the example set by Christ!**

Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; ... He himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; (2:21–24)

### **Winning ways for godly wives!**

Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight. (3:3–4)

### **Husbands too have a high standard!**

Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

(3:7)

**God is watching our life at home when He listens to our prayers!**

### **Christians are called to be different!**

All of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing; because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. (3:8–9)

### **Following Christ changes everything!**

"Whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech. They must turn from evil and do good; they must seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil. (3:10–12)

### **Be ready to speak up for Christ!**

In your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. (3:15–16)

### **Follow the pattern set by Christ!**

It is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit. (3:17–18)

### **The right way to handle suffering**

Since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin. As a result, they do not live the rest of their earthly lives for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God. For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do— (4:1–3)

### **The day of reckoning is coming!**

But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. For this is the reason the gospel was preached even to those who are now dead, so that they might be judged according to human standards in regard to the body, but live according to God in regard to the spirit. (4:4–6)

### **Time is short, use it wisely and well**

The end of all things is near. Be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others. (4:7–10)

### **Don't be surprised by suffering!**

Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, (4:12–14)

### **Don't be ashamed of your suffering**

If you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name. ... those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.

(4:16, 19)

### **Shepherding God's people**

To the elders among you, ... Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; ... and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

(5:1–2)

### **God cares, cast your cares on Him!**

All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. (5:5–7)

### **Be alert, there is a lion on the loose!**

Be self controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. (5:8–9)

### **You are not in this alone! God will give you strength to stand**

The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

(5:10–11)

### **See you next week!**

**2 Peter**

**Guard the truth,  
Keep growing!**

