

# 1<sup>st</sup> Peter

Order in New Testament

21

Written about AD65 possibly from Rome

Number of Chapters

5

Historical Setting

The Gospels and the Acts

## OVERVIEW:

Written by:

The Apostle Peter  
An Apostle and foundational leader

Written to:

Believers scattered due to persecution, going through suffering

Written for:

To encourage the believers to honour God even in trials

Key Theme or Verse

if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf. 1 Peter 4:16

## THE SUFFERINGS OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

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v11

To provide Salvation

The Christian life: being Born Again

**Begotten us to a living hope:**  
To an incorruptible inheritance, which is undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for us.

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v21

To leave us an Example

The Christian life: as new born babes

**Growing in grace:**  
By desiring the sincere milk of the Word and following the steps of Christ through the example he left.

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v18

To fulfil God's Will

The Christian life: in the Family

**Love as brethren:**  
Be pitiful, be courteous: Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing.

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v1

To deliver us from our sins

The Christian life: in the Lord's service

**Living a sanctified, godly life:**  
This will bring the believer into a place of suffering just like Christ. But it is better to be a martyr than a murderer.

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v1

To care for the Flock

The Christian life: in later years

**Practical encouragements for growing older:**  
Stay humble.  
Cast all you care upon Him.  
Stay alert, the devil is wicked.

Faith, Hope and Love

Good (9x) and Evil (10x)

Time (10x) and Opportunity (10x)

Suffering (16x) and Glory (16x)

Major Themes running through the Letter



Practical:

Ever keeping the sufferings of Christ and his glory before us will enable us to endure whatever trials and persecutions come into our lives, for his name's sake.