



THE BOOK OF FIRST PETER

Key Word: Suffering for the Cause of Christ

The basic theme of First Peter is the proper response to Christian suffering. Knowing that the readers will be facing more persecution than ever before, Peter writes to give a divine perspective so that they will be able to endure without wavering.

Key Verses: 1:10-12 and 4:12-13

10 Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, **11** trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. **12** It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things

12 Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. **13** But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.

Key Chapter: 4

This chapter is central in the New Testament revelation concerning how to handle persecution and suffering caused by ones Christian testimony. Christ's suffering is to be our model, but we are to also rejoice in that we can share in his suffering.

OUTLINE

Part One: Salvation of the Believer (1:1-2:12)

Part Two: Submission of the Believer (2:13-3:12)

Part Three: Suffering of the Believer (3:13-5:14)

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THE BOOK OF SECOND PETER

Key Word: Guard Against False Teachers

The basic theme that runs through Second Peter is the distinction between the knowledge and practice of truth versus false teaching and belief.

Key Verses: 1:20-21 and 3:9-11

1:20 Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. **21** For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

3:9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. **10** But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. **11** Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives

Key Chapter: 1

Three distinct principles surface as the scripture clearly defines the relationship between God and man on the issue of inspiration.

- Interpretation of Scriptures is not limited to a favored group or person, but is open for all who "rightly divide the word of truth"
- The Divinely inspired prophet did not initiate the Scripture.
- I was the Holy Spirit that moved Holy Men, not circumstance or emotion

OUTLINE

Part One: Cultivation of Christian Character (1:1-21)

Part Two: Condemnation of False Teachers (2:1-22)

Part Three: Confidence of Christ Return (3:1-18)

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