

# 1 Peter

## The True Grace of God

Fall 2016

Week One:

1) Introduction:

- a) Author:
- b) Date:
- c) Where Written:
- d) To Whom is Letter Written?

The main purpose of this epistle was to **strengthen** the readers so they would persevere through their persecution with the right attitude. Peter did this by showing that God's grace provided all that they needed for strength. In a larger sense, the purpose is to help Christians know how to live as "aliens" in the world.

2) Peter makes bold claims:

3) Above all, the epistle is written to show that God's grace is sufficient for all our needs:

I. Apostolic Salutation (1 Peter 1:1-2)

A. Peter is writing to Christians who struggle because they live in this world but are really citizens of heaven. He reminds them of their election in Christ and of His gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation.

B. Note the descriptions Peter of the people that he is writing to in v. 1:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Psalm 135:4

C. In v. 2, Peter continues the greeting that includes the works by the different persons of the Trinity (Notice who is doing the action!):

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Exodus 24:4-8;  
Isaiah 52:13-15;  
Hebrews 9:13-14

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### Week Two:

II. **Introductory Thanksgiving (1:3-12):** Through Jesus Christ, we now have a living hope and know the promise of God that we live in Him forever. We can face any trial or challenge, knowing that we are safe in His care.

A. God to be Praised for New Life in Christ (1:3-5)

1. V. 3
2. V. 4
3. V. 5

John 3:1-7  
Exodus 23:22

B. Christians Are Strengthened and Sustained in Their Suffering by Joy and Hope (1:6-9)

1. V. 6
2. V. 7
3. V. 8
4. V. 9
5. How do we see Jesus today?

Luke 1:47  
Romans 8:28-39  
James 1:2-4  
Revelation 5:11-14  
John 20:19-29

C. Salvation was Foretold by the Prophets (1:10-12)

1. V. 10
2. V. 11
3. V. 12

Luke 24:27  
Hebrews 11:13-16  
Luke 2:8-20

**SUMMARY:** “Faith is so much more than a feeling—it is a fact that has consequences. Whatever mood happens to color the surface of our character, whatever trial or circumstance happens to engage our attention, the faith we have been given in Christ is a matter of receiving the resurrection of Christ as a sure thing. And it has consequences: most remarkably in our resurrection. This means that **faith has a goal, and that goal is ultimately the salvation of our souls** (v. 9). Our faith is a living hope in God’s promise, that soon the trials will be over, but until then, we are guarded by Him until we inherit the kingdom.” Clinton J. Armstrong, General Epistles, Reformation Heritage Bible Commentary Series, at 121.

**NEXT: II. Christians are to Lead Holy Lives (1:13-2:10)**

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### Lesson Three:

III. Christians are to Lead Holy Lives (1:13-2:10) Even before creation, God knew that mankind would fall into sin, reject His ways, live only for themselves, and lead lives that result in death and alienation from Him. God shows us our valued: He was willing to send His Son for us. Now He calls us to share the Savior with others.

A. Newfound Status Demands That Christians be Holy, as God Is (1:13-16)

1. V. 13

- a) How do we put away those distractions which come between us and Christ?

2. V. 14

3. V. 15-16

- a) What does it mean to be holy like God is holy?

Exodus 12:11  
1 Timothy 4:7-8  
Deuteronomy 6:4-9  
Romans 12:1-2  
Exodus 15:11  
Psalm 5:4-6  
1 Thessalonians 4:7  
Titus 3:1-7

B. Believers Are Mindful of the Price of Their Redemption (1:17-21)

1. These verses turns us to \_\_\_\_\_ and His \_\_\_\_\_ work.

2. V. 17

3. V. 18-19

4. “Just one drop of this innocent blood would have been more than enough for the sin of the whole world. Yet the Father wanted to pour out His grace on us so abundantly and to spend so much that He let his Son Christ shed all His blood and gave us the entire treasure.” Martin Luther

Proverbs 1:7  
Proverbs 16:6  
Ecc. 12:13-14  
Romans 10:13  
Hebrews 10:11-18  
Romans 2:12  
Romans 3:19-20  
Exodus 12:5  
Hebrews 9:11-14  
and 22  
Philippians 2:5-11

5. V. 20-21

6. What is the result of the actions of Christ that Peter outlines in v. 21??

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### Lesson Four:

III. (Continued) Christians are to Lead Holy Lives (1:13-2:10) Even before creation, God knew that mankind would fall into sin, reject His ways, live only for themselves, and lead lives that result in death and alienation from Him. God shows us our valued: He was willing to send His Son for us. Now He calls us to share the Savior with others.

In verses 4 through 10, Peter talks about a Christian's relationship with Christ, the way in which are living stones are built onto THE living stone.

#### A. V. 4-5

##### 1. Two Rocky Metaphors:

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

##### 2. Two Worship Metaphors:

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

Matt. 21:42  
Mark 12:10  
Luke 20:17  
Acts 4:11  
Isaiah 28:16  
1 Kings 8:1-13  
Hebrews 10:11-14  
Psalm 51:15-19  
Hebrews 13:15

#### B. V. 6—A quote from Isaiah 28:16.

1. Whose efforts lays the cornerstone?

2. Who is the cornerstone?

3. Note descriptors used for the cornerstone:

a)

b)

4. A cornerstone is \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
and \_\_\_\_\_.

Isaiah 28:16  
Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7  
Isaiah 43:4  
John 3:16  
Matt. 7:24-29

#### C. V. 7—A quote from Psalm 118:22.

1. Who is rejected?

2. By whom?

3. How is Jesus a capstone (NIV)?

Psalm 118:22  
Psalm 118:25-26  
Psalm 118:23  
Matt. 21:42

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### Lesson 4 (continued)

D. V. 8—A quote from Isaiah 8:14.

E. V. 9—Peter’s first purpose statement in the epistle.

1. Scriptural background: Exodus 19:4-6

2. Christians are a \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Christians are a \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Christians are a \_\_\_\_\_.

5. Christians are a people for \_\_\_\_\_.

6. What is important about these descriptions?

Exodus 19:4-6  
2 Chron. 26:16-21  
Malachi 3:16-18

F. V. 10:

1. Peter uses imagery from the prophet \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Hosea’s son’s name was \_\_\_\_\_ which means \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Why is this name important for Israel?

4. What is important in this name for Christians today?

5. Hosea’s daughter’s name was \_\_\_\_\_ which means \_\_\_\_\_.

6. Why is this name important for Israel?

7. What is important in this name for Christians today?

Hosea 1:8-11  
Hosea 1:6-7  
Romans 3:23

### IV. Specific Instruction and Encouragement for Holy Living (2:11-4:11)

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A. Introduction: Paul now moves into a section where he is giving his readers instructions and encouragement to live in a holy manner. We are talking about the believers' relationships among themselves and with other people.

#### B. The Purpose of Holiness (2:11-12)

1. Why does Peter says abstain from sinful desires and live good lives?
2. We are at \_\_\_\_\_!
3. Galatians 5:17 \_\_\_\_\_ opposes \_\_\_\_\_
4. We are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Christians Submit to Civil Authorities (2:13-17): If God gives us a cross to carry, He also promises to give us the strength to bear it by faith. Christ our Shepherd calls us by name, brings us into His fold through the Gospel, and cares for us in the midst of suffering. How Jesus responded to suffering is how we are to respond to trials. We are honored to follow Him.

1. We are to submit to the authority of government rulers by obeying them. We do this, not because of these individuals are personally \_\_\_\_\_ of our submission to them, we honor \_\_\_\_\_ by obeying His \_\_\_\_\_.

#### D. Household Slaves Submit to the Authority of Their Masters (2:18-25)

1. Peter's addressing slaves was \_\_\_\_\_ to his readers.
2. The modern equivalent of household slaves is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. How are Christians to respond to oppressive employers?
4. Peter addresses submission to these people:
  - a) \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Peter 2:13-17
  - b) \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Peter 2:18-25
  - c) \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Peter 3:1-7
  - d) \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Peter 5:1-5
5. True or False: Biblical submission is submitting to a superior person.
6. Jesus is both our \_\_\_\_\_ and our \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Isaiah 53
8. Jesus is our \_\_\_\_\_ and our \_\_\_\_\_.

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- V. Specific Instruction and Encouragement for Holy Living (2:11-4:11) (Continued)
- A. A Wife Yields to Her Husband's Authority as Head of the Household (3:1-6) and A Husband Demonstrates Godliness by Respecting His Wife (3:7).
1. 1 Peter 3:1-2—Wives
    - a) Submission consists of:
      - (1)
      - (2)
      - (3)
      - (4)
    - b) Hupotasso means:
    - c) What is the goal of a wife's submission?
  2. 1 Peter 3:7—Husbands
    - a) How are husbands to treat their wives?
    - b) How are our prayers hindered?
  3. 1 Peter 3:3-4—Adornment or Beauty of Character
    - a) What is the Greek word for adorning (beauty)? \_\_\_\_\_
    - b) Where does our self-worth come from?
  4. 1 Peter 3:5-6—Illustration:
    - a) How are wives to express their Christ like submission to their husband?
- B. Humility, Unity, a Tender Heart, and Brotherly Love Characterize Christian Brotherhood (3:8-12)
1. 1 Peter 3:8—Characteristics of living in unity are \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. 1 Peter 3:9
  3. 1 Peter 3:10-12—Peter quotes what OT passage? \_\_\_\_\_
    - a) What message is Peter trying to convey by quoting this OT passage?

Colossians 3:18 Ephesians 5:22
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- VI. Specific Instruction and Encouragement for Holy Living (2:11-4:11) (Continued)
- A. Christian Virtue Sends a Powerful Message to Outsiders and Gives Opportunity for Witnessing (1 Peter 3:13-17)
1. 1 Peter 3:13-14
  2. Is suffering the opposite of blessing?
  3. 1 Peter 3:15—How should we speak to those who are challenging our faith?
  4. 1 Peter 3:16
  5. 1 Peter 3:16-17
- B. Jesus was Treated Unjustly and Then Gloriously Vindicated (1 Peter 3:18-22)
1. 1 Peter 3:18-22
  2. 1 Peter 3:18 is a forceful and articulate statement of the Gospel:
    - a)
    - b)
    - c)
    - d)
  3. How is 1 Peter 3:18-22 like the Apostle's Creed?
  4. Two Rabbit Holes:
    - a) 1 Peter 3:18-20—Jesus preached where after His death? Why?
    - b) When did this preaching happen?
  5. 1 Peter 3:21-22—Baptism saves?

Romans 8:31 John 17:15 Matthew 5:11 John 16:33
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- VII. Specific Instruction and Encouragement for Holy Living (2:11-4:11) (Continued)
- A. Jesus Example Inspires His People to Overcome Surrounding Evil (4:1-6)
1. Read 1 Peter 4:1
    - a) What is the “therefore” there for?
    - b) “For whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,”:
      - (1) The Greek has a \_\_\_\_\_ tense in the verb which emphasizes a \_\_\_\_\_ condition free from sin.
    - c) See 2 Corinthians 5:18-19.
  2. Read 1 Peter 4:2-3
    - a) Romans 12:1-2
  3. Read 1 Peter 4:4-5
    - a) As Christians we should expect \_\_\_\_\_.
  4. Read 1 Peter 4:6
- B. Nearness of the End Stimulates Christians to Faithfulness (4:7-11)
1. Read 1 Peter 4:7
    - a) Swept away by emotions? What is Enthusiasm?
  2. Read 1 Peter 4:8-9
    - a) What is the meant by agape love in this verse?
    - b) How does this attitude "cover a multitude of sins?"
    - c) Can you be hospitable and grumble too?
  3. Read 1 Peter 4:10
  4. Read 1 Peter 4:11
    - a) How should Pastors and teachers teach “as one speaking the very words of God”?
    - b) What is the result of ensuring that the teaching is based on the words of God and looking to the Lord for guidance in what we do?

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### III. Joy Amid Suffering and Further Clarifications about What is Expected of the Community (4:12-5:11)

*We now turn to the third major section of 1 Peter. Here Peter wraps up his discussion of suffering that he has focused on (off and on) since chapter 2.*

#### A. Suffering for the Sake of Christ is Sharing in Him (4:12-19)

1. Trials: 1 Peter 4:12
2. Peter says that we are likely to be surprised if we suffer. What is wrong with that? Why not be surprised? Doesn't God promise good things to us?
  - a) Leviticus 26:3-13; Matthew 16:21-23 (What are the things of men?)
  - b) Peter makes two arguments about why we should not be surprised.
3. First Argument. Read 1 Peter 4:17:
  - a) Is suffering from \_\_\_\_\_?
  - b) Suffering is to \_\_\_\_\_ us?
  - c) Suffering comes from the \_\_\_\_\_?
  - d) Read 1 Peter 4:15-16: These verses announce the theme that we suffer for \_\_\_\_\_.
  - e) Do you have a problem with this idea of Jesus making good people suffer so that they will be better? Is that really loving?
  - f) Consider this idea: the righteous are saved by faith: but good behavior can keep you out of harm's way—out of the way of the trials of purification!
4. Second Argument: Suffering Because We Are Servants of Christ.
  - a) Read 1 Peter 4:13-16
  - b) The general theme is that we should not object to suffering because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c) Was it God's will that Jesus suffered?
  - d) Is our suffering a sign that God lacks love or concern towards us?
  - e) Read 1 Peter 4:17-18: Who do these verses say are subject to judgment?
  - f) Who will survive this judgment?
  - g) Read 1 Peter 4:19:
  - h) What is Peter's conclusion about what we should do? Why?

Judges 4:1-3 Hebrews 10:5-7 1 Peter 1:6-7 1 Peter 5:8
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B. Elders Have Special Responsibilities and Promises (5:1-4)

1. Read 1 Peter 5:1.

2. Read 1 Peter 5:2-3.

1 John 1:1-4 James 1:12
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a) How is it that elders should "rule" over the church?

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

(4) \_\_\_\_\_

(5) \_\_\_\_\_

(6) \_\_\_\_\_

(7) \_\_\_\_\_

3. Read 1 Peter 5:4. What will the elders receive?

C. Younger Men are to Submit Humbly to the Community's Elders (5:5-6)

1. Read 1 Peter 5:5-6

2. How is it that the rest of the people should react to this appeal to subject themselves to the authority of the elders?

3. What is Peter suggesting in v. 6 when he says "he may lift you up in due time?"

D. Concluding Exhortation to Humility and Trust (5:7-11)

1. Read 5:7-10.

a) What are Peter's two solutions to suffering?

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

b) How long will this suffering last?

c) In v. 10, what is special about us Christians?

2. Read 1 Peter 5:11

IV. Final Greetings (5:12-14)

A. Read 1 Peter 5:12-14

1. What is the last word of comfort that Peter gives to his readers?