

1 Peter

Introduction

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Syllabus for 1 & 2 Peter

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Introduction – Facts about Peter

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Ch 1: 1-2 – **A. Salutation**

Ch 1: 3 -9 – **B. Our Living Hope - Our Salvation**

1. The source of our Hope
2. The nature of our Hope
3. The certainty of our Hope
4. What Hope does for Christians

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Ch 1: 10-12 - C. The value of the O.T. Prophets to our Faith

1. The inquisitive Prophets
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Ch 1: 13-25 – D. The Call to Holiness

Focus our minds and actions

Trust God, Being obedient and holy

Be obedient children of God

Fear God

Love One Another

Honor the cost of our redemption

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Ch 2: 1–12 **E. Live a righteous life and praise God**

Strip off some things of the world and crave the Word of God

Come to Christ, the Living Stone

Know that you are God's People

Give God the Praise and Glory

Abstain from worldly lusts

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Ch 2: 13-25 **F. Honor Authority**

1. Submission to the Government
2. Submission in business
3. Jesus is our example

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Ch 3: 1-12 **G. Honor Marriage**

1. Submission in Marriage
2. Live righteously

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Ch 3: 13-22. **H. Godly Living**

Sanctify Christ

Put on Christ

Analogy between Noah and the flood corresponding to baptism

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Ch 4: 1-19. **H. Godly Living** (continued)

Keep fervent in your Love

Share the sufferings of Christ

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Ch 5: 1-11 **I. Minister in Suffering**

1. Elders, Shepherd the Flock

2. Saints, Humble Yourselves

Ch 5: 12-14 **J. Closing**

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The Great Salvation of God

Ch 1: 1-2 **A. Salutation**

Ch 1: 3-4 **B. The Great gift of Christ the Messiah – Salvation**

Christ is the Messiah worthy of total devotion.

Christ is the Messiah of Faith.

Christ is the Messiah of grace and peace.

Christ is the Messiah of life and godliness.

Christ is the messiah of the divine nature.

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Ch 1: 5-15 **C. The Great Things of the Believer's Life**

Add and grow in virtues.

Use these virtues in your Christian Walk of Life to live a righteous life and with God's grace and mercy you may inherit eternal life.

Share these virtues with your brothers and sisters in Christ and those in the world.

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Ch 1: 16-21 **D. The Great Proof of Salvation**

The first proof of salvation – The Great eyewitness account of Christ's majesty and transfiguration.

The second proof of salvation – The account of prophecy and Scripture.

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Ch 2: 1-22 **E. The Warning against False Teachers**

The Description and Judgment of False Teachers.

The Character and conduct of False Teachers

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Ch 3: 1-17 **F. The Second Coming of Christ and the End of the World**

The First Thing to Know – Scoffers Shall Come

The One Thing Not to Be Ignorant About – Why Christ has Not Yet Returned

Believers must live holy and godly lives

Believers must count the Lord's longsuffering as salvation

Believers must grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and be on guard of False Teachers that may lead them into error.

Ch 3: 18 **G. Closing**

1. Who does Peter address in 1 Peter?
2. What was their dilemma?

Peter addressed believers who were **suffering escalating persecution** (1:6; 2:12, 19-21; 3:9, 13-18; 4:1, 12-16, 19)

3. What did Peter want to share with the readers of 1 Peter?

Peter wished to impress on his readers that by living an obedient, victorious life under suffering, a Christian can still evangelize in this hostile world (1:14; 2:1, 12, 15; 3:1-6, 13-17; 4:2; 5:8-9).

Live Victorious in times of Sufferings

1. Without losing hope.
2. Without becoming bitter.
3. Trusting in the Lord.
4. There are blessings in Christianity.
5. Christian's will suffer and will serve the Lord.
6. Christian relationships in the church and the world.

Live Victorious in times of Sufferings

7. Our blessings sustain us to endure hardship and live holy lives
8. We should act honorably in relationships and endure patiently
9. Live a holy life despite sufferings and hardship
10. Relate properly with leaders, trusting God and resisting Satan

Live Victorious in times of Sufferings

Peter encourages Christians to maintain hope while suffering.

1 Peter 5: 10

10 After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.

God will empower and glorify those who remain steadfast in their faith under the weight of their present suffering.

Live Victorious in times of Sufferings
Jesus told us that hatred should be
expected.

Matthew 5:10

¹⁰ "Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Live Victorious in times of Sufferings

Paul warned that suffering for Jesus' sake was a certainty.

2 Timothy 3:10-12

¹⁰ Now you followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, perseverance,

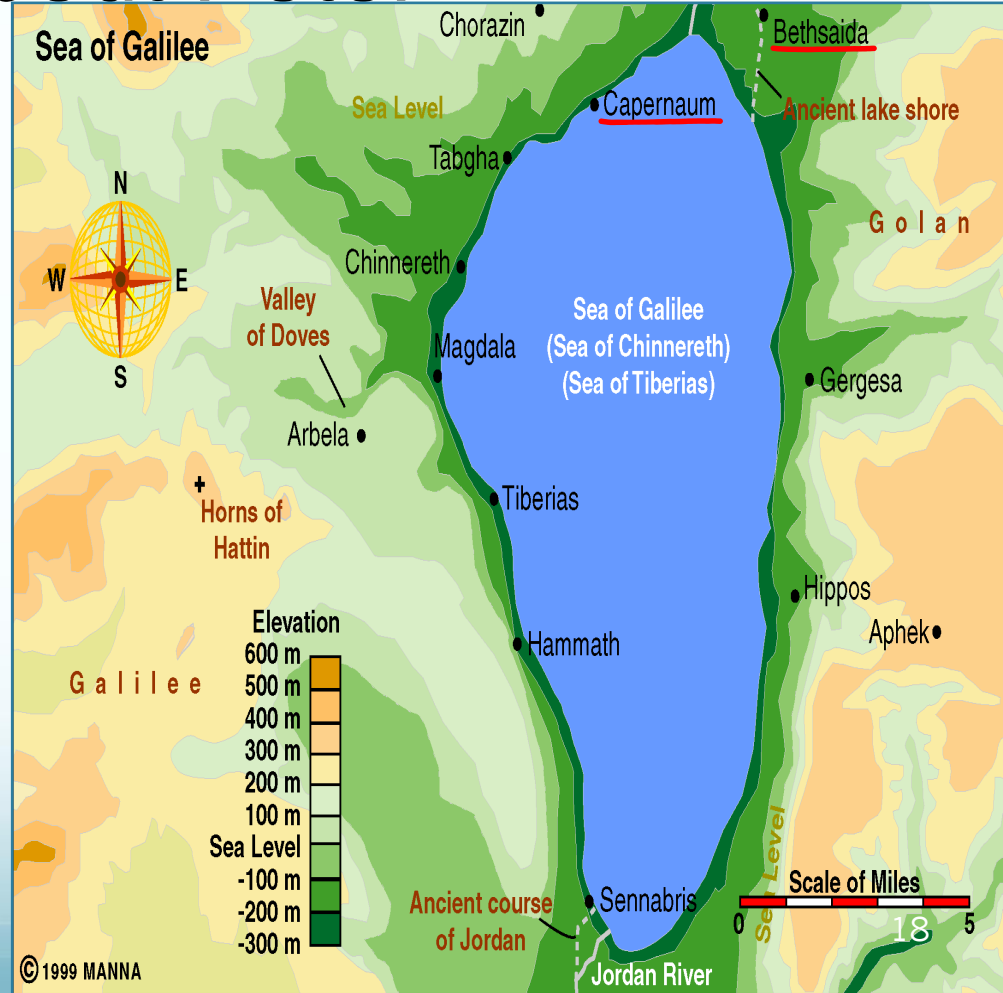
¹¹ persecutions, *and* sufferings, such as happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium *and* at Lystra; what persecutions I endured, and out of them all the Lord rescued me!

¹² Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

Facts about Peter

1. Peter was also called Simon (Matthew 10:2) and Cephas (John 1:42). He was called Bar- Jonah because his father was named Jonah (John).

2. He lived in Bethsaida and later Capernaum – John 1:44; Mark 1:21,29.



Facts about Peter

3. Peter was originally introduced to Jesus by his brother Andrew, who had been a follower of John the Baptist. Jesus then gave Peter the name of Cephas – John 1:40-42. “Peter” (Greek Petros), is the Greek form of the Aramaic name Cephas (“Rock”), which was given to Peter at his call to discipleship by the Lord Himself (John 1:42)

5. What was Peter’s occupation?

4. Peter had been a **fisherman** before being called to be an apostle; but Jesus called Peter, along with his brother Andrew and his partners James and John, to become “fishers of men” – Luke 5:1- 11; Matthew 4:18-22.

Facts about Peter

5. Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law of a fever – Matthew 8:14,15. The three Synoptic Gospels recount how Peter's mother-in-law was healed by Jesus at their home in Capernaum (Matthew 8:14–17, Mark 1:29–31, Luke 4:38). This demonstrates that Peter was a married man (1 Corinthians 9:5).

6. Peter – Elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ

1 Peter 5:1 ¹ Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as *your* fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed,

Facts about Peter

7. Peter accompanied Jesus through much of His earthly ministry and, along with James and John, was present for many special events which even other apostles had not attended. These included: the resurrection of the daughter of Jairus (Mark 5:37; Luke 8:51), the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1ff; Mark 9:22ff; Luke 9:28ff), and Jesus' agony in the garden (Matthew 26:36-46; Mark 14:32-42.).

8. Peter was one of the original twelve apostles sent by Jesus for the specific purpose of testifying that Jesus was raised from the dead – Luke 5:1-11; 6:13-15; John 15:27; Acts 1:8.

Facts about Peter

9. He attempted to walk on the water in imitation of Jesus, but after an initial success his faith failed – Matthew 14:28-31.
10. He received no formal religious training in established schools – Acts 4:13.

Facts about Peter

11. At the beginning of the Last Supper, Jesus washed his disciples' feet. Peter initially refused to let Jesus wash his feet, but when Jesus threatened him with: "If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me", Peter replied: "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head" (John 13:2-11).

12. Boast of his loyalty (Luke 22: 31-33)

13. In the garden he fell asleep (Matt. 26: 36-46)

Facts about Peter

14. At the arrest of Jesus, Peter attempted to defend Him. He used his sword to cut off the ear of a servant of the high priest – Matthew 26:51, Mark 14:47, Luke 22:50 and John 18:10,11. Apostle Peter striking the High Priests' servant Malchus with a sword in the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus rebuked Peter and restored the man's ear.

Facts about Peter

15. As predicted by Jesus, Peter denied Jesus three times while Jesus was being tried by the Jews – Matthew 26:33,69-75.
16. He was one of the first to enter Jesus' tomb and see that the body was not there after the resurrection. Jesus later expressly appeared to him – John 20:1-10; 1 Cor. 15:5.

Facts about Peter

17. In the John 21: 15 – 17 - Peter, in one of the resurrection appearances of Jesus, three times affirmed his love for Jesus.

Facts about Peter

John 21:15-17

¹⁵ So when they had finished breakfast, Jesus *said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these?" He *said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He *said to him, "Tend My lambs."

¹⁶ He *said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me?" He *said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He *said to him, "Shepherd My sheep."

¹⁷ He *said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus *said to him, "Tend My sheep."

Facts about Peter

18. He was always known for being impetuous and outspoken, a characteristic which sometimes got him into trouble but sometimes led to great statements of faith – Matthew 16:15-19; John 6:68-69.

Facts about Peter

Matthew 16:15-19

¹⁵ He *said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "**You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.**"

¹⁷ And Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

¹⁸ "I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.

¹⁹ "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven."

Facts about Peter

John 6:68-69

⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life.

⁶⁹ "We have believed and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God."

Facts about Peter

19. He played a role in the selection of Matthias to take the place of Judas as an apostle – Acts 1:15-26.

20. Like all the apostles, he received the power of the Holy Spirit to directly guide him in his teaching and to empower him to do miracles – John 16:13; Acts 2. Peter's mission was mainly to Jews – Galatians 2:7.

Facts about Peter

19. Despite his failings, Jesus chose him to be the first to preach the gospel to the Jews and the first to preach to the Gentiles – Matthew 16:18-19; Acts 2; Acts 10.

20. Simon Peter was twice arraigned, with John, before the Sanhedrin and directly defied them (Acts 4:7 -22, Acts 5:18–42).

Acts 5:29

²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, **"We must obey God rather than men."**

Facts about Peter

21. Heals man, preaches in Temple (Acts 3-4)
22. Arrested & beaten (Acts 5)
23. Goes to Samaria to impart gifts (Acts 8)
24. Heals Aeneas at Lydda (Acts 9:32-41)
25. Raises Dorcas (Acts 9:32-41)
26. Defends work w/ Gentiles (Acts 11)
27. Imprisoned & released (Acts 12)

Facts about Peter

28. Discussion at Jerusalem (Acts 15)
29. Paul confronted Peter (Gal. 2:11-14)
30. Traveled with wife (1 Cor. 9:5)
31. Wrote two epistles (1 & 2 Peter)
32. Acts 12 - narrates how Peter, who was in Jerusalem, was put into prison by Agrippa 1 in A.D. 42–44; nevertheless, Peter was rescued by an angel. After his liberation Peter left Jerusalem to go to "another place" (Acts 12:1–18).

Facts about Peter

33. Jesus predicted Peter's death

John 21:18-19

¹⁸ "Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to gird yourself and walk wherever you wished; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will gird you, and bring you where you do not wish to go."

¹⁹ Now this He said, signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He *said to him, "Follow Me!"

Facts about Peter

The Death and shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ upon The Cross, His Burial and Resurrection provides salvation to us.

Peter's death reveals our hope, encouragement, and purpose to face death *in accordance with God's will.*

Facts about Peter

A. Jesus Himself is the head of all things to the church.

Ephesians 1:22-23

²² And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church,

²³ which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Facts about Peter

B. Jesus is only foundation of the church.

1 Corinthians 3:11

¹¹ For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Can we relate to Peter?

1. **Impulsive - Quick to Speak Out** - Matt. 15:15; 16:13-18, 22-23; 17:4; John 13:8-9; 18:10-11
2. **Rebuked the Lord** - Mk. 8
3. **Denied the Lord** - Mt 26:58ff
4. **Worrying After Other's Affairs** - John 21:20-21
5. **Hypocrite** - Gal. 2:11-14
6. **Over Confident** - Mt 26:33-35

Place of writing 1 Peter

1 Peter 5:13

13 She who is in **Babylon**, chosen together with you, sends you greetings, and *so does* my son, Mark.

Place of writing 1 Peter

1. **Rome** - Kelly, Davids, Lenski, Kistemaker, Valesills, Grotius, Cave, Whitby, and Lardner
2. **A place called Babylon in Egypt, not far from Cairo** - Pearson and Le Clerc
3. **Babylon is Jerusalem** - Capellus, Spanheim, Hardouin
4. **Babylon is Babylon** – Hamilton, Barnes, Erasmus, Drusius, Lightfoot, Bengel, Wetstein, Bashage, Beausobre, Alford, Huther, Calvin, Neander, Weiss, and Reuss

Time of Writing 1 Peter

Time: Nothing can be determined. There isn't any mention in 1 Peter that marks the time.

Hamilton — 64 AD or 65 AD

Thiessen — 65 AD

Lardner — 63 AD , 64 AD, or at the latest 65 AD

Michaelis, — about 60 AD

Barnes — probably between 58 AD and 61 AD

Based on the numerous references to suffering and persecution in this letter, Peter likely wrote during the persecution of Christians under Nero was ramping up.

7. What do you want to glean from studying 1 Peter?

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| 1. How to be secure through suffering | 1. Know that you are saved 1: 1-12 |
| 2. How to live through suffering | 2. Give your life to God 1: 13 – 3: 12 |
| 3. How to handle and conquer suffering | 3. Live for righteousness and not for evil 3:13 – 4: 19 |
| 4. How the church is to function under suffering | 4. Be faithful 5: 1-14 |