

# 1 Peter Introduction

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1 Peter 1:1-2 ESV

<sup>1</sup>Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, <sup>2</sup> according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood:

May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

## Introduction and Background

- do you know Christ, and do you have hope in Jesus Christ?
- hear this wonderful story about a Dr. and his patient

*A Christian dying man asked his Christian doctor to tell him something about the place to which he was going. As the doctor fumbled for a reply, he heard a scratching at the door, and he had his answer. "Do you hear that?" he asked his patient. "It's my dog. I left him downstairs, but he has grown impatient, and has come up and heard my voice. He has no notion what is inside this door, but he knows that I am here. Isn't it the same with you? We do not know everything about the great experience of heaven and what lies beyond the door, but we do know one thing for sure, our Saviour is there."*

- who would not want a Dr. like this when you are on your deathbed?
- you would know there is nothing medically that any Dr. could do for you anyway, so the Dr. might as well be someone who can encourage you in Jesus Christ to look toward \_\_\_\_\_

- 1 Peter reminds us of Jesus Christ and His \_\_\_\_\_

- 1 Peter also \_\_\_\_\_ us that we can not only have the confidence in the forgiveness of sins, but also the confidence of everlasting \_\_\_\_\_, through Jesus Christ

- 1 Peter is an amazing book talking about not just the \_\_\_\_\_ of God but also the \_\_\_\_\_ of God

**1 Peter 1:3-4** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great \_\_\_\_\_, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven for you,

- 1 Peter also tackles holy living in light of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God and the hope that comes from knowing Jesus Christ

- when you read 1 Peter you will see the many exhortations that Peter gives to \_\_\_\_\_ Christians

- finally, we cannot forget that 1 Peter also focuses on how to \_\_\_\_\_ in the hope, even during suffering, in light of Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ of resurrection from the dead for those who \_\_\_\_\_

- 1 Peter was \_\_\_\_\_ just around the time that the Roman Empire, which was the world superpower at the time, started to \_\_\_\_\_ Christians in a substantial way

**1 Peter 4:13** But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be \_\_\_\_\_ when his glory is revealed.

- I would encourage you to read 1 Peter at least once a week to \_\_\_\_\_ your memory of all the amazing truths found in this book
- it should take you about 20 minutes to read 1 Peter so that is not a huge time investment, but it will be most certainly time \_\_\_\_\_ spent

### Who Wrote 1 Peter?

- of course, this letter was written by Peter the \_\_\_\_\_
- Peter was a \_\_\_\_\_ man who was called by Jesus Christ "on the job"

**Luke 5:8-11** But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." <sup>9</sup> For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, <sup>10</sup> and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be \_\_\_\_\_; from now on you will be catching men." <sup>11</sup> And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and \_\_\_\_\_ him.

- Peter experienced a lot of up and \_\_\_\_\_ as a follower of Jesus
- Peter declared the \_\_\_\_\_ confession about Jesus Christ

**Matthew 16:16** Simon Peter replied, " \_\_\_\_\_ are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

- but at the end of the gospels we have Peter saying that he would never \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus
- but what does Peter end up doing?
- Peter denies that he knows Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ times

**Matthew 26:75** And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and \_\_\_\_\_ bitterly.

- Peter is then \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus after His resurrection as we see in John 21, when Jesus asks Peter three times if Peter \_\_\_\_\_ Him

- in the book of Acts, we see that Peter takes a leadership role in the \_\_\_\_\_
- Peter speaks for the church in \_\_\_\_ 2, countering the allegations that the early Christians were drunk
- Peter is still a leader in the church, in Acts 15, when the church deals with \_\_\_\_\_ factions in the church struggling with the essence of justification by grace \_\_\_\_\_ through faith in Christ

- but we know that Peter went off the \_\_\_\_\_ and started to deny the grace of God and we see this in Paul's letter to the Galatians
- Peter started to disassociate himself from the \_\_\_\_\_ because he had pressure from Jewish groups to avoid them (remember Jews did not associate with Gentiles)
- Peter is rebuked by \_\_\_\_\_ as we read in Galatians

**Galatians 2:12-14** For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party. <sup>13</sup> And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. <sup>14</sup> But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to

Cephas before them all, "If you, though a \_\_\_\_\_, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the \_\_\_\_\_ to live like Jews?"

- Peter \_\_\_\_\_ and changed his mind, and we know this because he wrote this letter to a group of churches that were predominately Gentile.

- Peter was a \_\_\_\_\_ just like us in our Christian life

- Peter had sin, repentance, and restoration all because of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God!

### Who Received 1 Peter?

- this letter is written to the churches in North Central Asia, which is now modern-day Turkey

- there were churches in 5 areas "Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia"

- how do we have churches in these \_\_\_\_\_?

- we know that Paul \_\_\_\_\_ to go to this area but was prevented by the Holy Spirit, so he did not start these churches that we know of

**Acts 16:6-7** And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. <sup>7</sup> And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not \_\_\_\_\_ them.

- it is thought that some people, who were at the event of Pentecost, described in Acts 2, heard the gospel \_\_\_\_\_ in different languages

- they repented and trusted in Christ and took the good \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus to North Central Asia!

**Acts 2:9-11** Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, <sup>11</sup> both \_\_\_\_\_ and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians-- we hear them telling in our own tongues the \_\_\_\_\_ works of God."

- the churches to which Peter \_\_\_\_\_ seemed to be predominately Gentile, but we know that these churches had a good understanding of the Old Testament because Peter uses the \_\_\_\_\_ Testament a lot in 1 Peter

- hear how these Christians are described

- Peter exhorts these Christians to put to death their \_\_\_\_\_ lifestyle

**1 Peter 1:14** As \_\_\_\_\_ children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance,

- Peter quotes the book of Hosea to describe their changed \_\_\_\_\_

- they were not the people of God and had not received \_\_\_\_\_ but now they are God's people and \_\_\_\_\_ received mercy – praise be to Christ

**1 Peter 2:10** Once you were not a people, but \_\_\_\_\_ you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have \_\_\_\_\_ mercy.

- Peter commands them \_\_\_\_\_ to act in the old sinful lifestyle because those days are over

**1 Peter 4:2-3** so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God.<sup>3</sup> For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless \_\_\_\_\_

### Outline of 1 Peter

- 1) (1:1-2) Introduction
- 2) (1:3-12) Praise God for His Grace and Hope
- 3) (1:13-2:10) Holy Living Because of Grace and Hope
- 4) (2:11-4:11) Holy Living in Social Constructs
- 5) (4:12-5:9) Holy Living in the Church
- 6) (5:10-14) Conclusion

### Why was 1 Peter Written?

- there are \_\_\_\_\_ reasons why Peter wrote this letter to these 5 churches
  - 1) to remind these Christians of the \_\_\_\_\_ that they have in Jesus Christ
  - 2) to remind these Christians of the \_\_\_\_\_ that is found in Jesus Christ
  - 3) to call these Christians to \_\_\_\_\_ in persecution
  - 4) to remind them of \_\_\_\_\_ living because of the grace of Jesus Christ

### Themes in 1 Peter

#### A) Salvation

- Peter is very \_\_\_\_\_ with his teaching on salvation
- this means the gospel that Peter preached in the book of Acts is the \_\_\_\_\_ as the gospel that Peter writes about in 1 Peter
- 1 Peter 2:22-25 is a clear description of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ

**1 Peter 2:22-25** He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth.<sup>23</sup> When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.<sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his \_\_\_\_\_ you have been healed.<sup>25</sup> For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

- we see first the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ
- Jesus was a \_\_\_\_\_ and sinless man who is fully God
- Jesus never sinned or spoke any evil word about anyone
- even when Jesus was treated so poorly by others, he did not threaten or \_\_\_\_\_
- because Jesus was that perfect person, He was able to be the sinless sacrifice for \_\_\_\_\_
- Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the sins of the people of God "on the tree"
- the use of "on the tree" to describe the death of Jesus Christ on the cross, is also used in two sermons by Peter in the book of Acts (Ac 5:30; 10:39)
- the \_\_\_\_\_ points us back to the book of Deuteronomy where a person who is hung upon a tree is under the curse of God

**Deuteronomy 21:22-23** "And if a man has committed a crime punishable by death and he is put to death, and you \_\_\_\_\_ him on a tree,<sup>23</sup> his body shall not remain all night on the tree, but you

shall bury him the same day, for a hanged man is cursed by God. You shall not defile your land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance.

- Jesus dies as a substitute for \_\_\_\_\_ people
- Jesus bears the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin (which is the judgment of God)
- Jesus bears the punishment of sin that we \_\_\_\_\_ to bear
- but the blessings of the salvation of Jesus Christ \_\_\_\_\_ flowing
- because of the work of Christ we \_\_\_\_\_ to sin, this means that we are alive in Jesus Christ to \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus Christ
- but because of Christ's work we are \_\_\_\_\_, this means that our broken relationship with God is \_\_\_\_\_ and we are cured from our sin
- there is life and healing in the person and \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ

- what Peter preaches here is Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ found in Isaiah 53

**Isaiah 53:5-6** But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. <sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned-- every one-- to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the \_\_\_\_\_ of us all.

- the testimony about Jesus is clear in 1 Peter, Jesus \_\_\_\_\_!

### *B) Hope*

- the Christians that Peter addressed in this letter were enduring serious \_\_\_\_\_
- how much more important for Peter to remind these Christians of the \_\_\_\_\_ of heaven
- the hope that Peter talks about in 1 Peter is not a \_\_\_\_\_ optimism that things will hopefully get better
- this is not like going to your favorite lake, catching no fish and then you hope next time you will catch a bucket of fish
- this hope is the \_\_\_\_\_ expectation that a Christian will have the resurrection of Jesus Christ
- when you read 1 Peter 1:3-4 you do not get the impression that the hope of the resurrection of Jesus is a " \_\_\_\_\_ " event

**1 Peter 1:3-4** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in \_\_\_\_\_ for you,

- the hope of heaven will not \_\_\_\_\_, it will not fade away, and note that this hope is kept in heaven for us
- praise the Lord, because of Christ we can have this \_\_\_\_\_

### *C) Holiness*

- in the book of 1 Peter you will never get the impression that commitment to Jesus Christ is an \_\_\_\_\_
- in the book of 1 Peter you will never \_\_\_\_\_ that you can continue in your old sins

- Peter gives us instructions on \_\_\_\_\_ purity
- Peter gives instructions on how we are to live in the \_\_\_\_\_ groups that we find ourselves in
- in 1 Peter 2:13-17, Christians are to \_\_\_\_\_ to the governing authorities
- in 1 Peter 3:1-7, Peter instructs the Christians as to how the husband and wife are to \_\_\_\_\_ to each other in marriage
- in 1 Peter 5:1-5, Peter instructs the leaders of the church as to how they are to \_\_\_\_\_ in the body of Christ

#### *D) Importance of the Family of God*

- the imagery that Peter uses to portray the \_\_\_\_\_ helps us understand how we are to function in the body of \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Peter 2:5, 9-10** you yourselves like living \_\_\_\_\_ are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

<sup>9</sup> But you are a \_\_\_\_\_ race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received \_\_\_\_\_.

- the church is a house with stones and \_\_\_\_\_ stone in that house is important
- because of Christ, we are a \_\_\_\_\_, which means we are a group of people who are called to be one
- because of Christ, we are the people of God, which means we \_\_\_\_\_ to God & we are a family

- in Peter 5:2-3, the church is described as a flock

**1 Peter 5:2-3** shepherd the \_\_\_\_\_ of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; <sup>3</sup> not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock.

- this means that the people of God must be together and must be \_\_\_\_\_

- Peter also instructs us on how the body of Christ, the church, is to \_\_\_\_\_ each other

**1 Peter 4:8-9** Above all, keep \_\_\_\_\_ one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. <sup>9</sup> Show hospitality to one another \_\_\_\_\_ grumbling.

- in the book of 1 Peter, you would never get the impression that a Christian is a person who is an \_\_\_\_\_ to themselves

- to be Christian would mean that you are \_\_\_\_\_ the Christian community

#### **Application**

##### **1) Look to Christ for Salvation**

- only Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ and this is ultra-clear in the book of 1 Peter
- what Peter says about all of us is true, we are all sinners and are \_\_\_\_\_ of saving ourselves

**1 Peter 2:25** For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your \_\_\_\_\_.

- we have all \_\_\_\_\_ from the Lord in our rebellion against God
- some people get so \_\_\_\_\_ when confronted with the talk of our sinful condition
- yet our sinful condition cannot be \_\_\_\_\_
- even Bill Maher, who is a very famous comedian and talk show host, made the bold declaration recently that “all humans are horrible people”
- Bill Maher is not a Sunday School teacher, a pastor or even a Christian and yet he knows this
- but do you know this and do you acknowledge that you have sinned \_\_\_\_\_ God with your actions, thoughts, \_\_\_\_\_, and deeds?
- Praise the Lord this is why Jesus Christ has \_\_\_\_\_, became a human, and suffered for us on the cross
- today if you are outside of Jesus Christ, or not \_\_\_\_\_ again, or not in a relationship with God through Jesus Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ in the person and work of Jesus Christ
- Jesus came to heal and \_\_\_\_\_ us to God through His work on the Cross
- \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus today!

## 2) Live a Holy Life

- for the Christian, only \_\_\_\_\_ can save you, so let us praise the Lord
- if you are a Christian today, it is only because of Christ’s work so let us show our \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ by loving Christ
- how do we love Jesus Christ? By \_\_\_\_\_ the Word of God
- in 1 Peter it is evident that we are to live \_\_\_\_\_ lives because of the grace given to us
- there is so much practical teaching on holy \_\_\_\_\_ as a Christian in 1 Peter
- in 1 Peter 1:13, we are to prepare our minds for \_\_\_\_\_ in the Christian life
- in 1 Peter 1:14, we are called to be \_\_\_\_\_ children of God and \_\_\_\_\_ conform back to the sinful passions and actions of our \_\_\_\_\_ life
- in 1 Peter 2:1, we are to not speak malice, deceit, \_\_\_\_\_ or act out upon envy
- in 1 Peter 2:11, we are to \_\_\_\_\_ from the passions of the flesh
- our culture promotes sexual \_\_\_\_\_, deception, and envy like it is nobody’s business
- let us not allow the world, our sinful desires, and society to conform us anymore, but let us be \_\_\_\_\_ by Jesus
- how do we do this?
- \_\_\_\_\_ out to Jesus and ask Him to \_\_\_\_\_ you through God the Holy Spirit
- ask Jesus to \_\_\_\_\_ your sinful mind, heart, and will
- get into the Word of God and \_\_\_\_\_ the Holy Spirit to change you and transform you

**Psalm 119:11** I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

## 3) Be Committed to the Body of Christ

- there is some beautiful imagery in 1 Peter describing the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ
  - for instance, 1 Peter 2:5 gives us a clear image of what we are to be as a \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 Peter 2:5** you yourselves like \_\_\_\_\_ stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

- because Jesus has purchased a people to be a “ \_\_\_\_\_”, as the people of God, the church ought to function as described as the family of God in 1 Peter
  - our North American and Western \_\_\_\_\_ has become very individualistic
  - our devices and social media have made this reality of an individualistic society even \_\_\_\_\_
  - a pastor friend told me that in the 60s to 80s the preachers called people to get out of the bars and live for Christ, but now we need to be calling people to get off Netflix, Amazon Prime, Disney, TikTok, and Twitter and \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ
  - if you are a Christian, you are a \_\_\_\_\_ in this spiritual house which is the church
  - as a Christian you \_\_\_\_\_ be island unto yourself
  - just like every stone is important in a foundation or wall, so you are \_\_\_\_\_ and needed for the church
  - following Jesus and thus being a Christian is not just a \_\_\_\_\_ thing
  - a passages that teaches a \_\_\_\_\_ like environment in the church is 1 Peter 4:10-12
  - hear what Peter says about how we are to use our \_\_\_\_\_ gifts
- 1 Peter 4:10** As each has received a gift, use it to \_\_\_\_\_ one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:
- each Christian has received a \_\_\_\_\_ and they are to use that gift to serve one another in the body of Christ
  - \_\_\_\_\_ your spiritual gift as intended you to do as you are \_\_\_\_\_ to the local church
  - Christian, are you being a good \_\_\_\_\_ of what God has given you and serving the church with the gifts that God has \_\_\_\_\_ you?
  - if you want to know how you can help in even small ways just talk to one of the elders



## COMING UP...

- Jan 13 Fired Up Fridays @ 7:00pm
- Jan 14 Ladies Fellowship Bible Study @ 1:00pm
- Jan 15 1 Peter 1:3-5 – Pastor Adam