

FIRST PETER	62 AD
<i>"Do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you." 4:12</i>	
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Written From: Rome	
Sent To: Churches in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, Bithynia	
Purpose: Give guidance to believers concerning how to live in this temporal world in the midst of suffering and persecution	
Theme: Hope in God while suffering in the world as a believer.	
Basic Outline:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:3 - 12, Our salvation and inheritance • 1:13 - 2:3, Our responsibility to be holy • 2:4 - 12, We are a spiritual house, a chosen people of God but aliens in this world • 2:13 - 3:12, We are to submit to the established authorities and live in harmony in all areas: government, business, families and among believers • 3:13 - 4:6, Principles of suffering and Christ's example of suffering • 4:7 - 5:9, Christian conduct for living, for suffering and for service 	

Lessons in Suffering from First Peter	
1:6	• How we respond to trials demonstrates the genuineness of our faith.
4:12-19	• When suffering, we fix our hope on the grace to be revealed when Jesus comes, and not on the world. Thus, we are free to be obedient and holy.
2:19	• Our example was Jesus who suffered unjustly. Because of this example we can endure our own suffering being conscious of God and his deliverance.
3:8-13	• Though it is rare, when we suffer for doing good we remain hopeful so others will see the difference. We do not fear but trust God.
4:16	• All mankind suffer, but the suffering of a believer is temporary.

1:3-5 – focus is on God the Father

1:6-9 – focus is on God the Son

1:10-12 – focus is on God the Spirit

- CLEAR MINDED - SOBER	...contrast with...	- SLEEP - CAUGHT UP IN WORLD - NOT ALERT
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In chapter one Peter describes our salvation and inheritance which is in Christ. Our inheritance is said to be indestructible and kept in heaven for us to be revealed in the last time. Peter says trials come to test our faith. Our faith is said to be worth more than gold. The Old Testament prophets searched the Scriptures to understand these things but it was only now revealed to us. Because we have such a great salvation we are told to prepare our minds for action and be obedient. We need to leave the empty way of life of the pagans and live holy and pure like our God.

Chapter two continues urging the readers to leave the old way of life and crave the word of God which will help us grow up and live in a way that is worthy of the salvation and inheritance we have been given. We are being built by God into a spiritual house to be a priesthood made up of all believers. Peter goes on in this chapter to indicate that it is not just an abstract spiritual life we are to live but a *godly* life in this world. Though the world is corrupt, we are told to still live in a holy and respectable way, which includes submitting to human institutions like nationality, government, marriage and family.

In chapter three Peter discusses married life and how Christians should live with their spouses in order to win them to Christ and in a way that is pleasing to Christ. The reader is told to live in harmony with other believers and to do good to everyone. The theme of the book is suffering but Peter asks the question: "Who is really going to want to harm you if you are doing good?" Persecution will come because of our association with Christ but it should not come because we are a difficult and defiant people. In this chapter Peter mentions spirits (or angels) who were put in prison (the abyss) in Noah's day.

In chapter four we are told to have the same attitude that Christ had in the midst of suffering and to trust in God. Peter urges believers to use the grace gift they have been given to serve others. He includes a brief list of spiritual gifts. He ends the chapter by explaining the concept that suffering is part of the normal human experience, especially if you are a Christian and are not going the same direction as the corrupt world system.

In chapter five Peter addresses church leaders and includes himself as one of the elders. He warns men not to serve because of the money or the power but because they are willing and have been called by Christ, who is described as the Chief Shepherd or pastor. Peter ends his letter admonishing the readers concerning their Christian character, attitude and faith in God. Silas physically wrote this letter down while Peter dictated, just like Mark wrote Peter's gospel account for him.



3:18 – For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,

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3:19 – in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison,

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φυλακή = *phylake* /foo-lak-ay'/
 "Guard", "watch", "prison", "custody"

πνεῦμα = *pneuma* /PNYOO-mah/
 "Spirit", "wind", "breath"

κηρύσσω = *kérussó* /kay-ROOS-so/
 "To proclaim",
 "to preach",
 "to herald"

