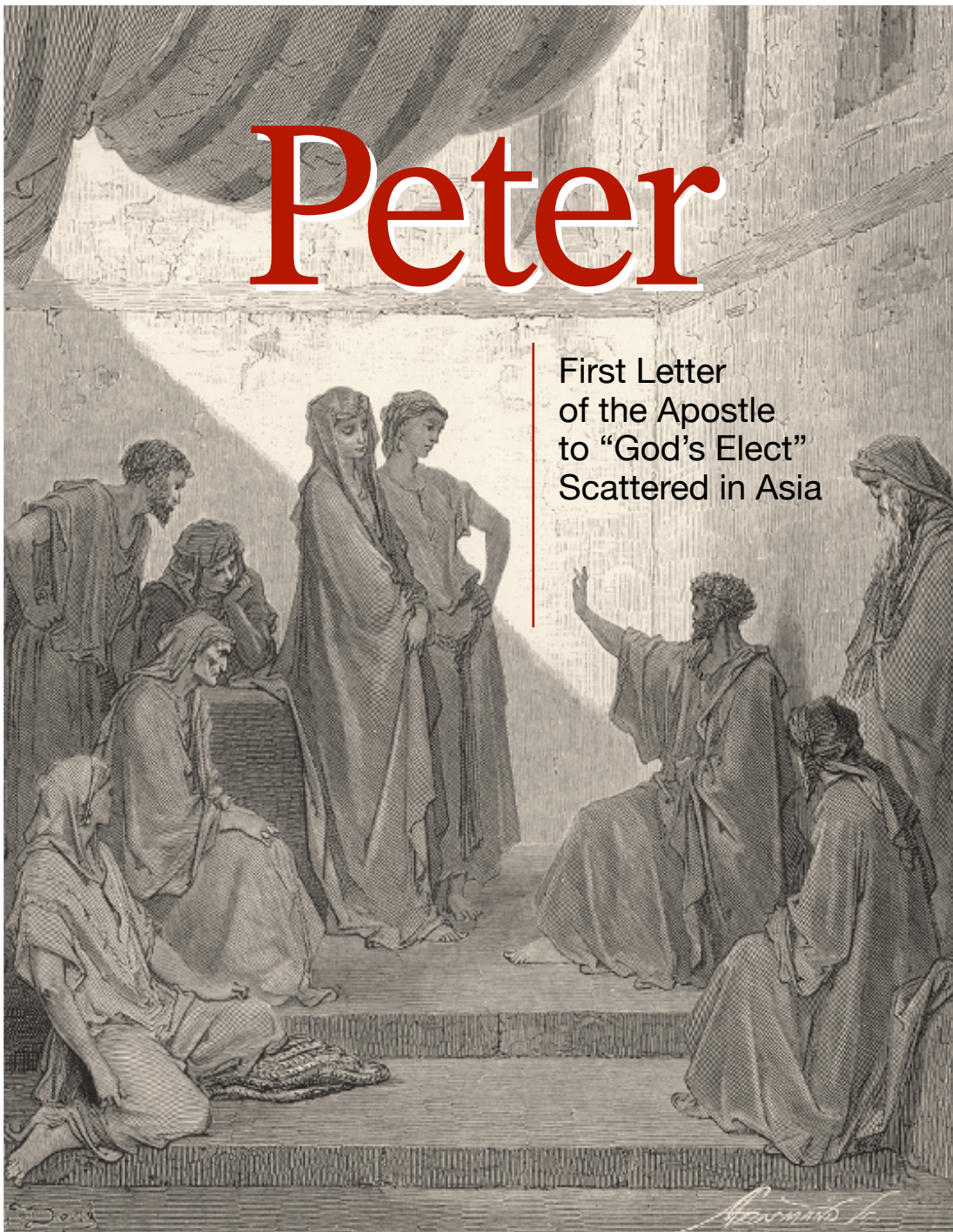


Peter

First Letter
of the Apostle
to “God’s Elect”
Scattered in Asia



APOSTLE PETER IN THE HOUSE OF CORNELIUS —Acts 10:25,26 / Engraving by Gustave Dore



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PETER, known as Simon Peter or simply Peter, is a towering figure in the history of Christianity and one of the most prominent disciples of Jesus Christ. His life and teachings are central to the Bible's New Testament, making him a foundational figure in the Christian faith. Peter's journey from a humble fisherman to a bold apostle and leader within the early Christian community is a testament to his unwavering dedication and deep devotion to Jesus.

Peter's name is almost synonymous with passionate commitment and occasional impulsive actions throughout the Gospels. He was one of the first disciples called by Jesus. He became a vital member of the inner circle of twelve apostles. Peter's relationship with Jesus was marked by profound insight and human frailty, such as his threefold denial of Jesus during the crucifixion.

Moreover, Peter also declares Jesus to be "the Christ" (the Messiah) and "the Son of the living God." Peter's recognition of Jesus' divine identity and messianic role. It's a foundational statement that forms the basis of Jesus' subsequent declaration about the divine source of the revelation upon which His (Jesus') church was to be built.

As documented in the Book of Acts, his post-resurrection encounters with Jesus and his influential leadership in the early church showcase Peter's transformation into an unwavering preacher and dedicated missionary. Peter's enduring legacy, captured in his writings in the New Testament and the memories of his life, continues to inspire and guide believers worldwide.

An Outline

FIRST PETER is a letter that emphasizes the themes of hope, holiness, suffering, and living as exiles in a world that may not share Christian values. It encourages believers to persevere in faith and maintain a godly lifestyle even in the face of challenges.

1. Greeting and Introduction (1 Peter 1:1-2)

- Authorship and recipients identified.

2. Living Hope Through Christ (1 Peter 1:3-12)

- Praise for God's mercy and the living hope through Jesus Christ.
- The call to holy living and enduring trials.

3. A Call to Holiness (1 Peter 1:13-25)

- Living as obedient children.
- The imperishable nature of the Word of God.

4. Submission and Suffering (1 Peter 2:1-25)

- Instructions on living as God's chosen people.
- Submission to authority and enduring suffering for doing good.

5. Living as Exiles (1 Peter 3:1-22)

- Instructions for various relationships, including marriage.
- Encouragement to be prepared to give a defense of faith.

6. Following Christ's Example (1 Peter 4:1-19)

- Suffering as Christ did.
- Exhortations to use spiritual gifts for the benefit of others.

7. Shepherd the Flock (1 Peter 5:1-14)

- Instructions to elders and young men.
- Final greetings and encouragement to stand firm in faith.

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Chapter One

The apostle addresses early Christians, emphasizing the enduring hope found in Christ amid trials. He calls believers to holy living and highlights the preciousness of their faith, founded on God's mercy. This chapter sets the tone for a letter filled with encouragement and guidance for living out their faith in a challenging world.

I. Greetings and Introduction (1:1-2)

- A. Authorship and Recipients
B. Blessing and Peace

PETER, an apostle of Jesus Christ,
To God's elect, exiles scattered th

To God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, Santiago 1:1
 2 who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood:

Grace and peace be yours in abundance. Romanos 1:7; Efesios 1:4

II. The Living Hope (1:3-5)

- A. Born Again to a Living Hope
- B. Inheritance that is Imperishable
- C. Kept by God's Power through Faith

- Believers are born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. (1:3)
 - Titus 3:5, John 3:3-7
- Believers have an imperishable inheritance in heaven. (1:4)
 - Matthew 6:19-21, 1 Corinthians 15:50
- Believers are kept by God's power through faith for salvation. (1:5)
 - 2 Timothy 1:12, Jude 1:24

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you,

Colosenses 1:5

5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

III. Salvation and Trials (1:6-9)

- A. Rejoicing in Trials
- B. Tested Faith
- C. Obtaining the Outcome of Faith: Salvation

- Believers can rejoice in the midst of trials because they test the genuineness of their faith. (1:6)
 - James 1:2-4, Romans 5:3-5

6 In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. Santiago 1:12

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7 These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Job 23:10

8 Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

IV. Prophets and the Grace to Come (1:10-12)

A. Prophets Foretelling the Grace

B. Angels Longing to Look into These Things

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 the Messiah and the glories that would follow. 2 Peter 1:21

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. Ephesians 3:10

V. Holiness and Obedience (1:13-16)

A. Preparing Minds for Action

B. Be Holy as God is Holy

- Believers are called to be holy as God is Holy. (1:15)
- Leviticus 11:44, Ephesians 1:4

13 Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. 14 As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. 15 But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; 2 Corinthians 7:1

16 for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." Leviticus 11:44, 45

VI. The Costly Redemption (1:17-21)

A. Conduct Yourselves with Fear

B. Redeemed Not with Perishable Things, but with Christ's Blood

C. God Raised Christ from the Dead

- Believers are redeemed not with perishable things but with the precious blood of Christ. (1:18-19)
- Ephesians 1:7, Colossians 1:14
- God raised Jesus from the dead, demonstrating His power and authority. (1:21)
- 1 Corinthians 15:20, Acts 2:24

17 Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear.

Hechos 10:34

18 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

Isaiah 53:7

20 He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake.

Romans 3:25; Galatians 4:4

21 Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

VII. Love for One Another (1:22-25)

A. Love One Another Earnestly

B. The Imperishable Word of God

- Believers are called to love one another earnestly from a pure heart. (1:22)
-1 Corinthians 13:4-7, 1 John 4:7
- The Word of God is imperishable and endures forever. (1:23-25)
-Isaiah 40:6-8, James 1:18

22 Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart.

Acts 15:9

23 For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. 24 For,

“All people are like grass,
and all their glory is like the flowers of the field;
the grass withers and the flowers fall,

25 but the word of the Lord endures forever.”

And this is the word that was preached to you.

Isaiah 40:8

Doctrines

Write the quote(s) that apply to the teachings where applied

- Salvation _____
- Holiness _____
- Hope _____
- Redemption _____



Questions to Consider:



I. Greeting and Introduction (1 Peter 1:1-2)

1. Who is the author of this text, and who is it written to according to the Bible verses mentioned?

2. What does it mean to be "chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father" and "sanctified by the Spirit" in this text?

3. What blessings or wishes for the recipients are mentioned in the text, and where else in the Bible can you find similar greetings?

II. Living Hope Through Christ (1 Peter 1:3-12)

1. Why is God praised in these verses, and what is the "living hope" they talk about?

2. What is the connection between holy living and enduring trials?

3. How can we have hope even when things are tough, according to this section?

III. A Call to Holiness (1 Peter 1:13-25)

1. What does it mean to live as obedient children of God?

2. Why is the Word of God described as "imperishable" here?

3. How can we try to be more like obedient children of God in our daily lives?

IV. Submission and Suffering (1 Peter 2:1-25)

1. What are some instructions for living as God's chosen people in this section?

2. Why is it important to submit to authority and endure suffering for doing good?

3. Can you think of a situation where it might be hard to do good and endure suffering?

V. Living as Exiles (1 Peter 3:1-22)

1. What advice is given for different relationships, like marriage, in this section?

2. Why should we be prepared to give a defense of our faith?

3. How can we share our faith with others in a kind and respectful way?

VI. Following Christ's Example (1 Peter 4:1-19)

1. How did Christ suffer, and why is it important for us to know?

2. What are some exhortations given about using our spiritual gifts?

3. How can we use our gifts to help others, like this section talks about?

VII. Shepherding the Flock (1 Peter 5:1-14)

1. What instructions are given to elders and young men in this section?

2. What is the final message and encouragement for everyone in these verses?

3. Why is standing firm in faith important, and how can we do that?
