

# INTRODUCTION TO 1 Peter

## READ ALONG

07/27-28 1 Peter

## WHERE IS IT IN THE BIBLE?

- 57. PHILEMON
- 58. HEBREWS
- 59. JAMES
- 60. **1 PETER**
- 61. 2 PETER
- 62. 1 JOHN
- 63. 2 JOHN

## KEY VERSES

**1 Peter 1:6-7** "You rejoice in this, even though now for a short time, if necessary, you suffer grief in various trials so that the proven character of your faith—more valuable than gold which, though perishable, is refined by fire—may result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ."

## KEY THEME

1. Christians who persevere through suffering will be proven faithful when Christ returns (1:6–9; 2:18–25; 3:13–22; 4:12–19).
2. Christians are now the new temple, the new Israel, the new people of God through Christ Jesus. (1:1–2; 2:4–10).
3. A believer's hope should be in their eternal inheritance instead of things of this world. (1:3–9, 13–16).
4. Christ died in our place and through His death we have new life (1:17–21; 2:24; 3:13–22).
5. The suffering of Christ is an example for all believers (2:21–23).
6. Christians should live righteously in their homes and in society (2:11–3:7).

## BOOK BASICS



**DATE**  
62-64 AD



**TYPE**  
Epistle



**AUTHOR**  
Peter

Peter, a disciple of Jesus whose ministry was preaching the Gospel to the Gentiles, is writing from Rome (Babylon) to the Gentile believers in Asia Minor (modern day Turkey). The recipients of Peter's letter are identified in 1 Peter 1:1 as "living as exiles dispersed abroad in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia." They are believed to have been persecuted Gentile Christians living under Roman control. They had once lived a life defined by idolatry, drunkenness, and other unrestrained behaviors (4:3) but now were "God's people" (2:9-10). He is writing to encourage them to persevere in their suffering and persecution (1:6–7; 2:18–20; 3:9, 13–17; 4:1–4, 12–19; 5:9) by giving themselves entirely to God (4:19). He encourages them to remain faithful in times of trials, knowing that God will rescue them and that they will certainly enjoy the salvation that the Lord has promised. Christ's death and resurrection are the model for believers. Christians should not be surprised when they too suffer as Christ suffered.

## BASIC STRUCTURE

5 CHAPTERS

