1 Peter 1:3 ~ 12

Men of Grace

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2 Quick Facts

Date: A.D. 64

Author: The apostle Peter From: Rome ("Babylon")

To: The churches (mostly Gentiles) of Northern Turkey

■ founded by Paul and his disciples

Occasion:

- 1. Paul had just died
- 2. Persecution of Christians was growing
- 3. The believers were being disenfranchised, discriminated against and mistreated.

3 Quick Facts-continued

Purpose:

- 1. To encourage the believers to persevere in the "now" of their suffering and trials by assuring them that the future of glory will transform their present circumstances
- 2. To explain that perseverance is exhibited by living a godly life.
- 3. To assure the believers that God's grace which brought them salvation will be with them no matter what happens.
- 4 Tentative Outline

1:1-2 Greeting and spiritual identity

1:3-2:10 Chosen by God- for full and final salvation

- 1:3-12 God's gift of final salvation
- 1:13-2:3 God's calling to a holy lifestyle
- 2:4-10 God's choice of a special people
- 5 Tentative Outline

2:11-4:19 Honorable behavior in the midst of suffering:

- 2:11-25 Submission to appropriate legal authorities
- 3:1-12 Submission/respect in marriage and in the church
- 3:13-22 Doing good in the midst of suffering
- 4:1-11 Christlike attitude in the world and church
- 4:12-19 Be happy, do right, trust God
- 6 Tentative Outline

5:1-9 Serving each other in the church 5:10-14 Summary of letters' content and purpose

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MAIN IDEA: Praise to God for His wonderful gift of Salvation

1:3-5 Our future salvation on the "last day" is certain

1:6-9 Our present experience of salvation will include "faith-strengthening" trials

1:10-12 Our salvation is the fulfillment of past Old Testament prophesies

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