

1 Peter Overview

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Peter wrote the book of 1 Peter in 63 A.D. from Rome to the churches (Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia) in Asia Minor. The purpose of his letter is to encourage believers to stand firm in the faith by living holy lives in the midst of suffering and persecution. They are charged to persevere under various trials, knowing that there is a great reward and eternal inheritance coming, reserved in heaven for them.

I. Observation Questions

A. After reading through 1 Peter twice, write down the major themes that stand out to you.

Major Theme from the Letter

Verse References

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

B. What words, concepts, or phrases are repeated throughout the book?

Repeated Word / Concept / Phrase

Verse References

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

C. From where is Peter writing? Who is Silvanus and what is his role in this letter?

D. Based on 1 Peter, what do we know about the current situation in Asia Minor?

II. Interpretation Questions

A. What do you think Peter is trying to accomplish in writing this letter?

B. As you think about the order of things that Peter communicates, why do you think he starts with our salvation in Christ (1:3-12)? How is that instructive to our own thinking?

C. How does 1 Peter 9-10 help us understand our privileged position as the people of God?

D. As you read 1 Peter 2:11-4:11, what do you think Peter's over goal is for this portion of 1 Peter?

E. In 1 Peter 4:12-13, Peter tells us to not be surprised by the fiery trial but to rejoice as we share in Christ's sufferings. What do you think it means to share in Christ's sufferings?

III. Application Questions

A. How does the promise of an internal inheritance motivate you to live for the glory of God?

B. What do you think are the biggest distractions from keeping your hope completely fixed on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:13)?