# 1 Peter 01 - Introduction

*"Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia. "*
- 1 Peter 1:1

1. **Purpose of the study of 1 Peter**
    a. To become familiar with a non-Pauline epistle – 2 Tim 3:16; Rom 15:4
    b. To study Peter's message to the little flock – Luke 12:52; 1 Peter 2:2
    c. To handle trouble passages that cause people to err – 2 Peter 3:16
    d. To learn how to apply the three-fold method of Bible study

2. **What to expect**
    a. Dispensational context – Peter and the little flock
        i. Before the notable day of the Lord - Acts 2:16,20
        ii. The scattering - 1 Peter 1:1 and Acts 8:1
        iii. We do not hear from Peter after the Acts 15 council
    b. Audience - Gal 2:6-9 – Peter writes to the circumcision (1 Peter 1:2)
    c. Purpose – 1 Pet 1:13; Heb 10:25 – Exhorting each other in the day of trial
    d. Theme – 1 Peter 1:7, 4:13 – Patient Suffering and Glory

3. **Popular Passages**
    a. Desire sincere milk of the word - 1 Peter 2:2
    b. Ye are a chosen generation - 1 Peter 2:9
    c. The woman's passage - 1 Peter 3:3-4
    d. Prayers that are hindered - 1 Peter 3:7,12
    e. Be ready to give an answer - 1 Peter 3:15
    f. The like figure of baptism - 1 Peter 3:21
    g. Your adversary seeks whom he will devour - 1 Peter 5:8

4. **Key Passages**
    a. Suffering and the glory that should follow - 1 Peter 1:10-11
    b. Future salvation – 1 Peter 1:5,9,13
    c. Is this the mystery? – 1 Peter 1:18-19, 2:24
    d. Unto you who believe – this identifies the little flock - 1 Peter 2:6-7
    e. If ye "do well" - 1 Peter 2:20
    f. Judgment in the house of God - 1 Peter 4:17-19

5. **Brief Outline of 1 Peter**
    a. 1 – The trial and hope of salvation
    b. 2 – The promise and submission to suffering
    c. 3 – Subject to authority; Suffering for well-doing
    d. 4 – Righteous endurance through trials
    e. 5 – Hope through suffering