

### **What is the letter of 1 Peter really all about?**

This letter was written by the Apostle Peter to Christians scattered throughout the area of Asia Minor. For one reason or another, these believers were being opposed for their faith in Jesus Christ. We are not sure of the exact nature of this opposition, but we do know that it was severe enough for Peter to categorically call it “suffering.” This letter sought to encourage those Christians by grounding them in the gospel and God’s grace.

### **How is this letter helpful for me living in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?**

While cultures have changed the nature of worldly opposition has not been altered one bit. In fact, it could be argued that it has been ramped up a bit. The church all across this world is facing opposition for their allegiance to Jesus. Some are even dying for the faith. So this short epistle is extremely relevant for Christians living in a world that is hostile to their faith and the faith once for all delivered to the saints.

**Is there a way to outline the book so that I can go back and reference a section if need be?** Yes, absolutely! Angus Macleay gives a good outline in his book entitled *Teaching 1 Peter*. Here it is...

- 1:3-12 – God’s people have a glorious future
- 1:13-21 – Living as pilgrims on the way to glory
- 1:22-2:3 – God’s people have a glorious new life
- 2:4-10 – God’s people have been chosen for a glorious purpose
- 2:11-12 – A strategy for living as God’s people in the world
- 2:13-17 – Living as God’s people for the world
- 2:18-25 – Living as God’s people in the workplace
- 3:1-7 – Living as God’s people in the home
- 3:8-12 – Living as God’s people in the church
- 3:13-22 – Confidence in Christ’s victory
- 4:1-6 – Confidence in Christ’s example
- 4:7-11 – Living as God’s people in light of the end
- 4:12-19 – Suffering and glory in the world
- 5:1-4 – Suffering and glory in Christian leadership
- 5:5-11 – Suffering and glory in the church

### **If I were to study this book on my own what resources might you recommend?**

*1, 2 Peter, and Jude* by Thomas Schreiner

*1 Peter* by John MacArthur

*Expository Sermons on the Epistles of Peter* by W.A. Criswell

*Teaching 1 Peter* by Angus Macleay