

1 Peter: Hope for the Hurting

- I. Introduction (1:1-2)
- II. The identity of Christians (1:3-2:10)
 - A. Our great salvation (1:3-12)
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 - B. Our new way of life (1:13-25)
 - 1. A life of holiness (1:13-16)
 - 2. A life of reverence (1:17-21)
 - 3. A life of love (1:22-25)
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Roman Provinces in Asia Minor



Date

The Apostle Peter wrote this epistle from Rome c. A.D. 64.

Purpose

To encourage Christians who are being persecuted for their faith to stand firm (5:12).

Special features

1. Eschatological: deals with the end times.
2. Emphasizes holiness, hope, salvation, community, relationship to the world, the Trinity, and especially suffering.
3. Depends heavily on the Old Testament.
4. Expounds themes Jesus taught in His discipleship discourse (Matt. 10).

Message

1. The believer's behavior
1. The believer's unfair circumstances
2. The believer's deference
3. The believer's motivation by Christ's example
4. The believer's anticipation of future glory
5. The believer's resource of God's grace

The Grace of God

1. Grace proceeds from God (1:2).
2. Grace produces confidence (1:10, 13).
3. Our conduct proclaims God's grace (2:19–20; 3:7).
4. Grace perfects character (4:10; 5:5).
5. Grace promotes courage (5:8–10, 12).