



1 Peter

HOPE IN A LOST WORLD

Week 1



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The apostle Peter wrote this letter to encourage believers who would likely face trials and persecution under Emperor Nero. During most of the first century, Christians were not hunted down and killed throughout the Roman Empire. They could, however, expect social and economic persecution from three main sources: the Romans, the Jews, and their own families. All would likely be misunderstood, some would be harassed, a few would be tortured and even put to death.



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Peter wanted to warn them about what lay ahead, and they needed his encouraging words to help them face opposition. This letter is still helpful for any Christians facing trials. Many Christians around the world are living under governments more repressive than the Roman Empire of the first century. Christians everywhere are subject to misunderstanding, ridicule, and even harassment by unbelieving friends, employers, and family members. None of us are exempt from catastrophe, pain, illness, and death - trials that, like persecution, make us lean heavily on God's grace.



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- ▶ **Chapter 1** - Hope of Eternal Life / Call to Holy Living
- ▶ **Chapter 2** - Living Stones / Respecting People in Authority / Slaves
- ▶ **Chapter 3** - Wives / Husbands / All Christians / Suffering for Doing Good
- ▶ **Chapter 4** - Living for God / Suffering for Being a Christian
- ▶ **Chapter 5** - Advice for Elders and Young Men / Peter's Final Greetings



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- ▶ Peter begins by considering himself an apostle of Jesus Christ and calls God's chosen people foreigners. What is the importance of both?

- ▶ Single out Peter's words of encouragement in verses 3-6 and write down the ones that stand out most to you.

- ▶ Why were Christians the target of persecution? Do you believe that there is still persecution where you live?



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- ▶ Verses 10-11, Peter talks about the prophets wanting to know salvation. How did Peter and the apostles know for sure of their salvation?

- ▶ Verses 13 - 16 Peter talks about living holy. What are some of the ways in which we can do this?



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- ▶ Verses 16-18 Peter equates being a Christian as being a “ransomed” slave. How can we relate to this and use Romans 6: 6-7 as reference?

- ▶ In verses 24-25, Peter is quoting the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 40: 6-8). How can we reflect on the words of Isaiah in regards to our temporary stay here on earth?



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- ▶ How does 1 Peter Chapter 1 help you relate to your life and your Christian journey of faith?

- ▶ Close your time in prayer. Pray for each other. Take prayer requests and make sure to pray for each other every day until you meet again!

Have a great week! Keep your personal study habits. Read more. Pray More. Be Blessed!