

Outline of 1 Peter

PART ONE: THE SALVATION OF THE BELIEVER (1:1–2:12)

I. Salutation 1:1-2

¹Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia...

II. Salvation of the Believer 1:3-12

A. Hope for the Future 1:3-4

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...

B. Trials for the Present 1:5-9

⁶In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ...

C. Anticipation in the Past 1:10-12

¹⁰Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you...

III. Sanctification of the Believer 1:13-2:12

A. “Be Holy” 1:13-21

¹⁵...as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct...

B. “Love One Another” 1:22-25

²²Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart...

C. “Desire the Pure Milk of the Word” 2:1-3

²...as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby...

D. “Offer up Spiritual Sacrifices” 2:4-10

...⁵you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

E. “Abstain from Fleshly Lusts” 2:11-12

¹¹Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul...

PART TWO: THE SUBMISSION OF THE BELIEVER (2:13–3:12)

I. Submission to the Government 2:13–17

¹³Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake, whether to the king as supreme, ¹⁴or to governors... ¹⁵For this is the will of God.

II. Submission in Business 2:18–25

¹⁸Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh.

III. Submission in Marriage 3:1–8

¹Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives...

IV. Submission in All of Life 3:9–12

⁸Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; ⁹not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.

PART THREE: THE SUFFERING OF THE BELIEVER (3:13–5:14)

I. Conduct in Suffering 3:13–17

¹⁵But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; ¹⁶having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed.

II. Christ’s Example of Suffering 3:18–4:6

¹Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, ²that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.

III. Commands in Suffering 4:7–19

¹²Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; ¹³but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ’s sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.

IV. Minister in Suffering 5:1–9

A Elders, Shepherd the Flock 5:1–4

²Shepherd the flock of God which is among you...

B Saints, Humble Yourselves 5:5–9

⁵...God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble. ⁶Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time...

V. Benediction 5:10–14

¹⁰But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.