

**STUDYING THROUGH
1 PETER (31)**



**Peter's concluding
remarks**

1 Peter 5:8b-14

Review of 1 Peter

Today, we bring our study of 1 Peter to its conclusion.

This book is very timely as a reminder to prepare for living in a society that is becoming increasingly more hostile against Christians

Review of 1 Peter

Peter is writing to brethren throughout Asia Minor (**1:1**)

He begins by reminding them of their hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ

Review of 1 Peter

(**1:6-7**), we find our first mention of “**various trials**” that would grieve them. This is a continual theme throughout this book, mentioned in every chapter. We have noted that persecutions had not reached their most severe forms, but they were paying a price. Some were brutally “punished”, but they were ridiculed, falsely accused, lost status in society, were facing societal rulings that would make being faithful more difficult.

Review of 1 Peter

The primary focus of this letter was to prepare them for these trials.

Consider:

- **1:3-9**, We have hope in heaven and faith
- 1:13** – gird up their minds
- 1:14-15** – strive to be holy

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Consider:

- **1:22** – through love we ought to serve one another.

A recurring theme is our need for each other!

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Consider:

- **2:1-3** – we need proper attitudes toward others – Inside and out
· Crave His word to grow thereby
- **2:11-12** - we are pilgrims and must live decent lives. Not responding in kind
- **2:13-3:7** – submit whenever possible!

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Consider:

- **3:8-12** – be united as brethren and treat each other properly
- **3:15** – be ready to give a defense
- **3:17** – prepare to suffer, and if it is so, let it be for doing good. Jesus did (**18-19**)

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Consider:

- **4:3ff** – we lived changed lives (noticed)
- **4:7** – in time the end will come, therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers
- **4:8-11** – again, how should we treat each other? Is God glorified?

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Consider:

- **4:12-16** – if we suffer, let it be for doing good as a Christian
- **4:17** – judgment is coming, and ALL will answer
- **5:1-4** – The service of elders. They can help us prepare and be there to strengthen us

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Consider:

- **5:5-6** – again, we submit to our elders, and to one another!
- **5:7** – cast all your cares on Him
- **5:8-9** – beware of your enemy

Concluding remarks

- **The same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood**

- In about 30 years, the gospel was throughout the kingdom!

Colossians 1:6, 23, cf.

Romans 10:18,

1 Thessalonians 1:8

Mark 16:15,

Matthew 28:19-20

Concluding remarks

- **The same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood**

- This impacted society

Consider our fellowship as believers:

Brotherhood – **1 Peter 2:17, 5:9**

Consider this as we partake of the Lord's Supper – **cf. 1 Corinthians 10:16-17**

(while assembled – **1 Corinthians 11:10ff, Acts 20:7**)

Concluding remarks

- **But may the God of all grace...**
He is a God of grace – 1:2 (8x in this letter), **Ephesians 2:4-9, etc.**
He called us to His eternal glory in Christ – 2 Thessalonians 2:14
After you have suffered awhile –
cf. 2 Corinthians 4:17,
Romans 8:18

Concluding remarks

- **But may the God of all grace...**

His prayer, that they be:

Perfect – prepared and ready,
complete

**cf. Matthew 4:21,
1 Corinthians 1:10,
2 Corinthians 13:11**

Established – grounded, more firm,
confirmed – **cf. Romans 16:25**

Concluding remarks

- **But may the God of all grace...**

His prayer, that they be:

Strengthened – made stronger or more able (only here)

cf. Hebrews 5:14

Settle us – a foundation laid that is firm and cannot be moved –

cf. Matthew 7:24-25

Concluding remarks

- **To Him be glory and dominion forever and ever.**

God is worthy of our glorification and praise.

We need to think of Him for who He is – **cf. 2 Peter 1:7** – godliness, etc.

Concluding remarks

- **By Silvanus, our faithful brother**
Likely a reference to Silas,
Identified in **Acts** – (13x)
Silvanus – in the epistles (3x by Paul –
2 Cor, 1 & 2 Thess.) and here
(**1 Pet 5:12**)
- **Exhorting and testifying that this
is the true grace of God in which
we stand**

Concluding remarks

- **She who is in Babylon...**

A salutation.

Exactly what this is reference to is discussed:

- Some see it as Rome
- Others, Babylon at Euphrates
- Others, a Babylon in Egypt

Either the church or an individual

Concluding remarks

- **Mark also greets them**

Likely, the writer of Mark. Cousin of Barnabas – **Acts 12:25-13:13**, who left Paul during his 1st journey. Later he is found useful –

Philemon 24, 2 Timothy 4:11.

- Peter is believed to be his source for his gospel

- “My son” Peter says!

Concluding remarks

- **Greet one another with a kiss of love**

A common greeting that showed affection –

Found in many of Paul's letters also.

Today, in America this would be the equivalent of a hand shake, a hug, or a "high five", etc. (In parts of the world, they still kiss on the cheek).

Concluding remarks

- **Peace to you all in Christ Jesus**

Peter's concluding benediction. A common greeting or farewell blessing

Hebrews 12:14 – we are to pursue peace with all men

1 Peter 3:11 (cf. Psalm 24:12-16)

We desire peace: With God, others, our brethren, even ourselves.



Studies in 1 Peter



Amen!

As you face struggles in
this life, turn to this letter
for strength!



Studies in 1 Peter



Let us pray!