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*All Scriptures and comments are based on the New King James Version, unless otherwise noted.*

## Outline of the Bible Book of 1 Peter

**1 Peter = Practicable**

**[God Is Pertinent]**

### I. Christian Personality From God **1:1 - 2:10**

#### A. *Heavenly Design* **1:1-2**

1. Apostle to dispersed Jewish disciples of Christ **1:1**  
**Acts 2:14, 22, 36-38; 15:7-11; Galatians 2:7-8**
2. Specially prepared ("elect"= picked out) **1:2a**
  - a) "foreknowledge (Gk. *prognosis*) of God" **1:2b**
  - b) "sanctification (Gk. *hagiasmos*) of the Spirit" **1:2c**;  
**2 Thessalonians 2:13; Cf 1 Thessalonians 4:3-7;**  
**Hebrews 12:14**
  - c) "obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ" **1:2d**
    - (1)Gk. *hupakoay*- compliance **Romans 6:16, 19; Hebrews 5:8**
    - (2)Gk. *hrantismos* - sprinkling **1:2; Hebrews 12:24**  
**Cf Hebrews 9:13-14; 10:22**

#### B. *Heavenly Determination* **1:3-12**

1. Advantages of Jesus' Father's mercy **1:3-6**
  - a) begotten again "to a living hope" [**Deserved**] **1:3, 23**
  - b) to an incorruptible and undefiled inheritance [**Reserved**] **1:4**
  - c) kept by God's power "through faith" [**Preserved**] **1:5**

2. Adamant ownership of advantages **1:6-9**
  - a) little while trials of “genuineness of your faith” **1:6-7**
  - b) see Jesus through faith **1:8 Cf Hebrews 12:1-2**
  - c) holding onto our soul’s salvation **1:9**
3. Anticipation of advantages **1:10-12**
  - a) prophets “inquired and searched diligently” of this grace **1:10; Matthew 13:10-17; Luke 10:21-24; 24:27, 44-45**
  - b) Jesus prophesied of His sufferings and glories to follow **1:11; Matthew 16:21; Luke 9:21-22; 18:31-34; 24:26**
  - c) Holy Spirit showed angels and “us” the gospel **1:12; Ephesians 3:1-13**

**C. Heavenly Demonstration 1:13 - 2:10**

1. **Purity of service 1:13-21** (Gk. *anadzoonnumi* - tighten clothes for journey)
  - a) holy mind and life **1:13-16** (Gk. *anastrophay* - conduct, manner of life) **1:15, 18; 2:12; 3:1-16; Cf 2 Peter 2:7; 3:11; Hebrews 13:7; James 3:13; Galatians 1:13; Ephesians 4:22; 1 Timothy 4:12**
  - b) holy redemption **1:17-19**
  - c) holy faith and hope **1:20-21**
2. **Purity of soul 1:22 - 2:3**
  - a) by obedience to the truth **1:22a**
  - b) by loving with the truth **1:22b-25 Cf Isaiah 40:6-8**
  - c) by developing taste for “pure milk” **2:1-3**
3. **Purity of sacrifice 2:4-10**
  - a) “as living stones” in a “spiritual house” **2:4a**
  - b) “a holy priesthood” to offer “spiritual sacrifices” **2:4b**

c) Scriptural proof

(1) **2:6 (Isaiah 28:16)**

(2) **2:7 (Psalm 118:22)**

(3) **2:8 (Isaiah 8:14)**

(4) ONLY THE DISOBEDIENT STUMBLE AT THIS! **2:7-8; 3:1, 20; 4:17; Cf John 3:36; Romans 10:21**

d) only the "people of God" may properly praise God **2:9-10**

(1) "chosen" (Gk. *eklektos* - elect) **1:1; 2:4, 6, 9a; Colossians 3:12**

(2) "royal" (Gk. *basileios* - regal, kingly) **2:9b; Luke 7:25\***

(3) "holy" (Gk. *hagios* - set apart for God) **2:9c; Romans 1:7; 8:27; 16:15; Philippians 4:21-22; Colossians 1:12; Hebrews 6:10; Jude 3**

(4) "special" (Gk. *peripoiaysis* - one's own property) **2:9d; Ephesians 1:14; Hebrews 10:39; 1 Thessalonians 5:9; 2 Thessalonians 2:14**

(5) were not a people (Gk. *laos*), but now are, the people of God **2:10; Hebrews 4:9; Luke 1:17; Acts 15:14; 18:10; Titus 2:14**

## II. Christian Performance in the World **2:11-17**

### A. "Worthy of More Glory Than Moses" **3:1-19**

1. By refusing their lusts **2:11 Cf Titus 2:11-12; 1 John 2:15-17**

a) because our citizenship is heavenly **2:11a; Philippians 3:20**

b) because such lusts "war" against us **2:11b; 2 Corinthians 10:3 Cf Romans 8:1-14**

2. By replying with good works **2:12**

- a) honor among the dishonorable **2:12a; Acts 2:40; Romans 12:21**
- b) exposes their lies, not our sins **2:12b, 15; Cf 3:1**

**B. *Silence the Worldly 2:13-17***

- 1. By supporting governmental **2:13-14**
  - a) "punishment of evildoers"
  - b) "praise of those who do good"
- 2. By serving God's will in everything **2:15-17**
  - a) to do good **2:15**
  - b) to not use liberty to cloak evil **2:16 Cf Romans 14:14-19; Galatians 5:13**
  - c) to show all due respect **2:17**

**III. Christian Place in God's Plan 2:18 - 3:22**

**A. *Servants, Take It Like the Holiest Man 2:18-25***

- 1. Endure even "harsh" (Gk. *skolios* - perverse) **2:18; Luke 3:5; Acts 2:40; Philippians 2:15\***
- 2. No glory in deserved punishment **2:19-20**
- 3. Jesus left "an example" (Gk. *hupogrammos* - a writing copy) **2:21-25\***

**B. *Wives, Take It Like the Holy Women of Old 3:1-6***

- 1. Be example even for non-Christian husbands **3:1-2**
- 2. Inner beauty "precious" to God (Gk. *polutelays* - very costly, of surpassing value) **3:4; Mark 14:3; 1 Timothy 2:9\* Cf (polutimos - of great price) 1 Peter 1:7; Matthew 13:46; 26:7; John 12:3\***
- 3. Sarah's daughters will learn this lesson **3:5-6**

**C. *Husbands, Take It Like You Know Better 3:7***

- 1. Treat wives "understanding" their equality **3:7a**

2. Treat wives with "honor" (Gk. **timay**- reverence) **3:7b; 1:7; 2:7; 1 Corinthians 12:23; Hebrews 3:3; 1 Thessalonians 4:4**
3. OR DON'T BOTHER TO PRAY TO GOD! **3:7C** (Gk. **egkoptoo** – impede one's course by cutting off his way) **Galatians 5:7; 1 Thessalonians 2:18; Romans 15:22; Acts 24:4\***

**D. All of You, Take It Like You Mean It 3:8-22**

1. All Christians should act the same **3:8-9**
2. God prophesied it so **3:10-12 (Psalm 34:12-16)**
3. Fear not **3:13-22**
  - a) God/ good will not harm us
    - (1) God decreed it so **v. 13; Proverbs 16:7; Romans 8:31;**
    - (2) Should persecution occur, fear not **v. 14; Matthew 10:28-31**
    - (3) Keep your reason clear **v. 15; Acts 4:8-20**
    - (4) Keep your conscience clear **v. 16; Hebrews 13:18; 2 Corinthians 1:12**
      - (a) through suffering wrongfully **1 Peter 2:19**
      - (b) through being challenged by wrong-doers **1 Peter 3:15**
      - (c) through baptism's resurrection to salvation **1 Peter 3:21**
  - b) Jesus Christ suffered to accomplish our good **3:18**
  - c) The Spirit raised Jesus and preached through Noah **3:19-20**
  - d) A good conscience knows "baptism saves" **3:21-22**
    - (1) Because Jesus was raised from the dead;
    - (2) A sinner is thus raised from the death to sins by baptism;
    - (3) Therefore, a Christian should KNOW this way is worth it all!

#### IV. Christian Price In Following Christ **4:1-19**

##### A. **Throw Down Fleshly Extensions 4:1-6**

1. To live "for the will of God" **4:1-2**
2. To leave "our past" **4:3-4**
3. To lose evil speaking friends **4:4-6**

##### B. **Throw Down Worldly Dissensions 4:7-11**

1. "Above all things"--- "have fervent love for one another" **4:7-8**  
**Proverbs 10:12; I Corinthians 13:13; John 13:34-35**
2. "Be hospitable to one another without grumbling" **4:9-11**
  - a) Gk. **philoxenos** - generous to guests **4:9; I Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:8**
  - b) Gk. **gongusmos** - muttering **4:9; Acts 6:1; Philippians 2:14**

##### C. **Thrown Down Human Tensions 4:12-19**

1. Expect the treatment Christ received **4:12-13 Cf John 15:20**
2. Glory in the name Christ has given **4:14-16**
3. "The time has come" **4:17-19**

#### V. Christian People in God's Purpose **5:1-14**

##### A. **Mold to the Shepherd's Flock 5:1-7**

1. Peter was: **5:1**
  - a) "fellow elder" (presbyter)
  - b) "witness of the sufferings of Christ" (Apostle)
  - c) "partaker of the glory that will be revealed" (Christian)
2. Shepherds of "the flock of God" are limited by: **5:2-3**
  - a) area ("among you")

- b) desire ("not by constraint")
- c) motive ("not for dishonest gain") **Cf John 10:11-13**
- d) humility ("not as being lords over those entrusted to you")
- e) goal ("receive the crown of glory")

**B. Bold to the Devil's Block 5:8-11**

1. Powerful Discriminating Attitude

- a) "Sober"- Gk. **nayphoo** – calm and collected in spirit, dispassionate  
**1 Peter 1:13; 4:7; 1 Thessalonians 5:6, 8; 2 Timothy 4:5**
- b) "Vigilant" – Gk. **graygoreoo** – give strict attention to  
**Matthew 24:41-42; 1 Thessalonians 5:6;**  
**1 Corinthians 16:13**

2. Powerful Indiscriminate Adversary

- a) "Like a roaring lion"
- b) "Seeking whom he may devour"

3. Powerful Individual Accomplishment

- a) Gk. **antitassoo** – to range in battle against **Romans 13:2;**  
**James 4:6; 5:6**
- b) Gk. **stereos** – firm, hard, hard, rigid **2 Timothy 2:19;**  
**Hebrews 5:12, 14\***
- c) There is NOTHING PERSONAL in a Christian's persecution!!!
- d) **Jesus resisted the Devil, but "the Devil departed from Him until an opportune time." Matthew 4:1-11; Luke 4:1-13**
- e) **Cannot be "objective,"** must "submit to God" to win  
**James 4:7-8**

### C. **Hold to Christ Jesus' Rock 5:12-14**

1. **v.12 Silvanus has**; a.k.a. "Silas" **Acts 15:40-41; 18:1, 5-8**
2. **v.13 The church in Jerusalem Ephesians 5:25, 27; 2 John 1**
3. **v. 14 Encourage one another**

### **Pondering First Peter:**

#### **\* The Bible Tradition of Peter.** He was:

1. Simon son of Jonah (**Matthew 16:17**);
2. brother of Andrew (**John 1:40-41**);
3. whose name Jesus changed to "Cephas" a.k.a. "Rock" (**John 1:42**);
4. originally was from Bethsaida (**John 1:44**);
5. married and moved to Capernaum (**Luke 4:31, 38**);
6. was partner in the fishing business with James and John, sons of Zebedee (**Luke 5:10**);
7. and became convinced to follow Jesus after a miracle (**Luke 5:1-11**).
8. **First Peter** coincides with his personal experiences in following Christ. He:
  1. occupied a leadership place among the Apostles;
  2. was second to James in the Jerusalem church (**Acts 12:1-3; Cf Galatians 2:9**) until **Acts 15** and thereafter isn't mentioned in the **Book of Acts**.
9. Uninspired "Tradition," **not Scripture**, has Peter visiting Rome and being crucified upside down after refusing to be crucified exactly like Christ! Jesus had predicted Peter's later life (**John 21:17-19**).

#### **\* I Peter is written from "Babylon" to "the pilgrims of the Dispersion" (I Peter 1:1; 5:13).**

1. "The Dispersion" obviously refers to the scattered Jewish disciples of Christ throughout the world as a result of the Jewish persecution of Christ's converts which began in Jerusalem with the stoning of Stephen (**Acts 6:8-8:4; 11:19**).
2. Since Peter was the next Apostle to be killed in Jerusalem after James (**Acts 12:1-3**), it is easy to see that in the New Testament, Jerusalem opposed God's law and prophets (**Acts 3:13-15; 7:51-8:1; Acts 13:26-30**) as it had in the past when it was destroyed by the Chaldean Babylon under Nebuchadnezzar, whom God then destroyed (**2 Chronicles 36:15-23; Jeremiah 50:1, 17-18, 24-25, 29-46; Jeremiah 51:5-12, 24-29, 34-35, 47-49, 54-55, 59-64**). God decreed "And I will repay Babylon and all the inhabitants of Chaldea



for all the evil they have done in Zion in your sight,' says the LORD" (**Jeremiah 51:24**).

3. *In the New Testament, as Babylon had before, the wicked Jews persecuted God's people (now "the Israel of God," **Galatians 6:15-16**, and the gospel spread from Jerusalem by dispersing Christians through persecution.*
4. *Like Babylon before, God brought final judgment against Jerusalem through Rome in A.D.70 (**I Thessalonians 2:14-16**; **Revelation 11:8; 14:8; 16:19; 17:1-6; 18:1-6**, and then God brought down Rome (**Cf Book of Revelation**).*

**\* Hence, the book is to be dated after Acts 6:8-8:4 because:**

1. It is explaining why Christians must suffer, not only bodily persecution, but verbal abuse as well;
2. But before Jerusalem's destruction in A.D. 70.
3. Since Paul's 3rd journey (about A.D. 54-57) took him through Galatia and Phrygia to Ephesus (from which he wrote **Galatians**), and since neither Paul, his work, nor his epistle(s) are mentioned here, it may show that this letter was written before his work in these places named by Peter (**I Peter 1:1**), i.e. before A.D. 54.  
Many dates are inexact.