

## 1 Peter – An Outline

- I. Introduction (1 Peter 1:1-12).
  - A. The Writer and the Recipients (1:1-2).
  - B. Praise to God for Salvation – the doctrinal section – although Peter made several references to doctrine through the epistle (1:3-12).
    1. The Nature of Salvation (1:3-5).
    2. Their joy in salvation while suffering (1:6-9).
    3. Salvation and the Old Testament Prophets (1:10-12).
  
- II. The Exhortations (1 Peter 1:13-5:11).
  - A. Section One (1 Peter 1:13-3:12).
    1. Concerning the needs of individual believers (1:13-2:10).
      - a. To have hope and to be holy (1:13-25).
      - b. To grow spiritually (2:1-10).
    2. Concerning sin and the people of the world (2:11-17). Note that Peter makes a distinction between sin and the people in this sinful world.
    3. Concerning special groups among believers (2:18-3:12).
      - a. Servants (2:18-25).
      - b. Wives (3:1-6).
      - c. Husbands (3:7).
      - d. All believers – love within; restraint without (3:8-12). Note that Peter supported his exhortations by Scripture: verses 10-12 are a quotation from Psalm 34:12-16a.
  
  - B. Section Two (1 Peter 3:13-5:11).
    1. Some of the benefits of suffering as Christians (3:13-4:19).
      - a. It gives opportunities to witness to the world (3:13-17).
      - b. This is confirmed and illustrated by the benefits of Christ’s suffering (3:18-22).
      - c. It produces greater godliness in our lives (4:1-19).
        - 1) To do God’s will (4:1-6).
        - 2) To prepare for His coming (4:7).
        - 3) To pray (4:7).
        - 4) To love each other (4:8-10).
        - 5) To minister the Word, depending upon God, for His glory (4:11).
        - 6) Not to think it strange that we suffer, but to rejoice that we are partakers of Christ’s sufferings (4:12-14).
        - 7) To keep us from sin (4:15).
        - 8) To trust God to take care of us (4:16-19).
    2. More Special Instructions (5:1-11).
      - a. For elders (5:1-4).
      - b. For the young (5:5a).
      - c. For all of the Lord’s people (5:5b-11).
  
- III. Conclusion (1 Peter 5:12-14). In verse 13 Paul states how he would describe this epistle: “I have written briefly, exhorting, and testifying that this is the true grace of God wherein ye stand.”