

Knowing Christ

A Study of 1 Peter

A Living Hope

Lesson 16

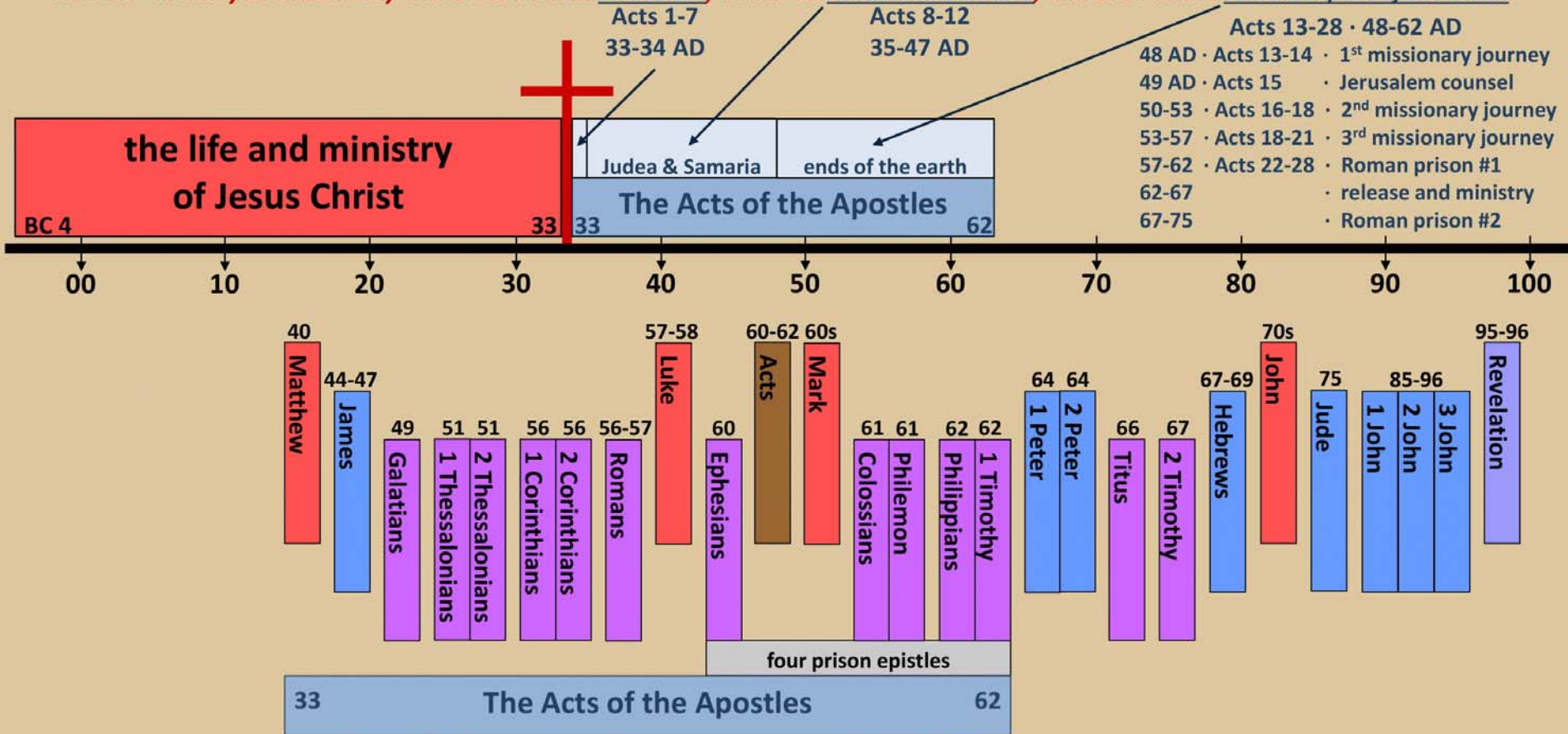
1 Peter 1:1-2:12

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The Development of the New Testament

Acts 1:8 "... and you shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."



Peter's Purpose in 1 Peter

“I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying
that this is the true grace of God.

Stand firm in it!”

1 Peter 5:12

1 Peter

standing firm in the true grace of God

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salvation 2:12	2:13 submission 3:12	3:13 suffering	service	
<p>1-2 <u>salutation</u></p> <p>3-13 <u>salvation</u> the Father of Jesus Christ the new birth the preserved inheritance the protected heir the prophetic search</p> <p>14-25 <u>sanctification</u> the fixed future hope the present pursuit of holiness born again to love one another</p> <p>2:1-12 born again to grow into a spiritual house as the people of God and as aliens and strangers</p>	<p>2:13-3:7 <u>called to submit</u> · 13-17 in government · 18-20 in work · 21-25 <u>submit like Christ</u> no sin, no threats, entrusting Himself to the righteous judge</p> <p>· 3:1-7 in marriage</p> <p>3:8-12 <u>called to blessing</u> live before the Lord Psalm 32:12-16</p>	<p>3:13-17 <u>the way of suffering</u> · for righteousness sake · sanctifying Christ as Lord · ready to make a defense · with a good conscience</p> <p>3:18-22 <u>Christ the atonement</u> · He died for our sins to bring us to God with a good conscience</p> <p>4:1-19 <u>counsel for suffering</u> · 1-6 arm yourselves to suffer · 7-11 wisdom and prayer love & serve one another · 12-19 no surprise at fiery trials entrust your souls to a faithful Creator</p>	<p>1-5 <u>the way of service</u> · shepherd the flock · submit to the elders</p> <p>6-11 <u>the final words</u> · humble to exalt · cast your anxiety · be alert for the devil · resist firm in faith · after suffering the God of grace will establish you</p> <p>12-14 <u>this is the true grace of God</u> · <u>stand firm in it!</u></p>	

Lesson 16: A Living Hope

- ▶ The apostle to the aliens (1:1-2)
 - Born again to a living hope (1:3-5)
 - Necessary trials (1:6-9)
 - The expectation of the prophets and the angels (1:10-12)
- ▶ A focused mind (1:13)
 - Be holy (1:14-16)
 - Conduct yourself in the fear of your heavenly Father (1:17-21)
 - Love one another (1:22-23)
 - Desire the enduring word of God (1:24-2:3)
- ▶ The building of God (2:4-10)
- ▶ Aliens with excellent behavior (2:11-12)

The Apostle to the Aliens (1:1- 2)

- ▶ Living in a foreign world
- ▶ Beloved (2:11) – saints
 - Chosen according to the foreknowledge of God
 - Sanctified by the Holy Spirit
 - To obey Jesus Christ
 - To be sprinkled with His blood
- ▶ “May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure”

Born Again to a Living Hope (1:3-5)

- ▶ The living hope
 - The God of the living (Matt 22:28)
 - “Death is swallowed up in victory” (1 Cor 15:25-26; 54-56; Isa 25:8)
- ▶ Blessed by God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ with this living hope
 - In mercy, He caused us to be born again
 - Born again through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead
 - To obtain an inheritance – imperishable, undefiled, eternal, reserved in heaven
 - Protected for this inheritance by God’s power – through faith

Necessary Trials (1:6-9)

- ▶ A potential obstacle – distressed by various trials
- ▶ Rejoice greatly!
 - Proof of genuine faith – precious faith
 - Tested by fire
- ▶ Praise, honor, glory – when Jesus Christ appears
- ▶ Currently, genuine faith shows our love for our unseen Savior
- ▶ Necessary trials – proof of faith and God's mercy
- ▶ Focus upon the outcome of our faith – salvation of our souls (1:3, 4, 5, 7, 9)

Prophets and Angels (1:10-12)

- ▶ Prophets and angels mystified
- ▶ This salvation – person and time
- ▶ Sufferings of Christ and glories to follow

A Focused Mind (1:13)

- ▶ A mind fully fixed on the grace to be brought to us
- ▶ Focus upon the consummation of our salvation with Jesus Christ
- ▶ Minds prepared for action – conduct consistent with our living hope

A Focused Mind (1:22-2:3)

- ▶ Be holy (1:14-16)
 - Like God – not conformed to former desires
 - Be aliens (Eph 5:1)
- ▶ Conduct yourself in the fear of your heavenly Father (1:17-21)
 - A father . . . to be feared?
 - The impartial judge – a consuming fire
 - Redeemed with the precious blood of the Son of God
 - Christ appeared “for the sake of you”
- ▶ Faith and hope are in God our Father

A Focused Mind (1:22-2:3)

- ▶ Love one another (1:22-23)
 - The proof of true faith before all (John 13:34-35)
 - Love from the heart – divine love – looks to others and not personal benefit
- ▶ Desire the enduring Word of God (1:24-2:3)
 - The instrument of our salvation
 - A figurative contrast between the eternal word and withering man
 - The unfading Word of God v. the fading wisdom of man
 - The Word that was preached to us to bring God's mercy to us
 - Desire the Word like newborn babies desire their mother's milk
 - We have tasted the kindness of God and ought to desire more for growth

The Building of God (2:4-10)

- ▶ Living stones built upon a living Cornerstone to make a spiritual house
- ▶ A precious Cornerstone – rejected or trusted – offense or precious
- ▶ High calling: Chosen race, royal priesthood, holy nation, God's own possession
- ▶ High privilege: Proclaim the excellencies of our God
- ▶ High excellence: Merciful transformation from darkness to light

A Living Hope (2:11-12)

- ▶ Aliens with excellent behavior
- ▶ Two characteristics:
 - Abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul
 - Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles
- ▶ Three securities
 - Our heavenly Father's will and power to accomplish His will
 - The redemption by our Savior's precious blood and resurrection
 - The sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit
- ▶ "Fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ." (1:13)