



## **1<sup>st</sup>. epistle of St. Peter- Introduction (1)**

### **Code: 11/NT/11**

### **1. General Aims of the unit**

Better Understanding of the Catholic epistles in the bible

### **2. Special aims of the lesson**

1. To review the teens knowledge about the books of the Catholic epistles .(lesson from the last year)
  - Why they have called Catholic epistles ?
  - Their number. ?
  - A brief about each of them and the writer of each of them .
2. To have a detailed knowledge about the life of St. Peter , his writings in the NT, and approximate timing of his two books.
3. To recognize of the reasons for writing the 1<sup>st</sup>. epistle , to whom it is written ( use a map).
4. To understand fully the theme of the 1<sup>st</sup>. epistle and the subthemes .
  - {Theme :Encouraging the believers to accept suffering as a share in the suffering of Christ}
  - Sub-themes :
    - ❖ Ch. 1: Salvation and suffering
      - Introduction 1:1-2
      - The new gifts of God 1:3-5
      - Faith grows through testing 1:6-12
      - Struggle for holiness 1:13-25
    - ❖ Ch.2 : a) Our relation with Jesus our Rock 2:1-10
      - Hunger for God 2:1-3
      - Our relation to the living stone 2:4-10
    - b) Our behavior as Christians 2:11-25
      - Self- controlled life 2:11
      - Christian conduct towards non-Christians 2:12
      - Christian conduct towards the state 2:13-17
      - Christian conduct towards masters 2:18-25
    - ❖ Ch.3 : a) Christian relations within the family 3:1-12
      - Instructions to women 3:1-6
      - Instructions to men 3:7-12
    - b) Christian and persecutors 3:13-22
      - Persecution while innocent 3:13-17

- Jesus Christ is our model	3:18-22
❖ Ch.4 : Oppression and the life of holiness	
- Sufferings and stopping lusts	4:1-6
- Be good stewards	4:7-11
- Sufferings and glory	4:12-19
❖ Ch. 5 : Pastoral instructions	5:1-11
- To the Shepherds	5:1-4
- To the younger Christians	5:5-7
- Final advice	5:8-11
Conclusion	5:12-14

5. To study in details Ch. 1-2

### 3.Outcomes

**By the end of this lesson the teens are able to:**

1. give a full account about the Catholic epistles , the writers , the targeted groups .
2. Discuss the details of the life of St. Peter .
3. Show complete knowledge of the 1<sup>st</sup> epistle and its suitability to tackle the problem of suffering facing the believers at that time.
4. Remember by heart the main ideas in Ch.1,2 and a verse about each one of these ideas.

**4.Verses:** 1Pe.1:3-5 , 9 , 14-16 ; 1Pe. 2:9 ,11 , 23-25

### 5. References:

1. The Orthodox bible ( the epistle was written from Babelion -not Rome)
2. Lesson on. 4 –September -yr. 11 in the SUS program( St. Peter martyred on 67 not 68 AD)
3. Any commentary about 1<sup>st</sup>. epistle of St. Peter .