

PETER

FACTS ABOUT THE 1ST EPISTLE OF PETER

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PURPOSE: We can triumph over suffering as we follow Jesus

MAJOR THEME: Suffering as a Christian

Monday (Read 1 Peter 1:1-12)

(1) Who is the 1st Epistle of Peter addressed to? (Hint- verse 1)

(2) According to verse 3, what gives us a living hope and shows us God's abundant mercy for us?

(3) According to verse 7, why does God allow us to face trials and tribulations in our life?

(4) What will having faith in Jesus give to us? (Hint- verse 9)

Wednesday (Read 1 Peter 1:22-2:3)

(7) What commandment is given to us in verse 22?

(8) Complete the following verse "All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The Grass withers, and its flowers fall away, but...."

(9) What advice does St Peter give in verses 2-3?



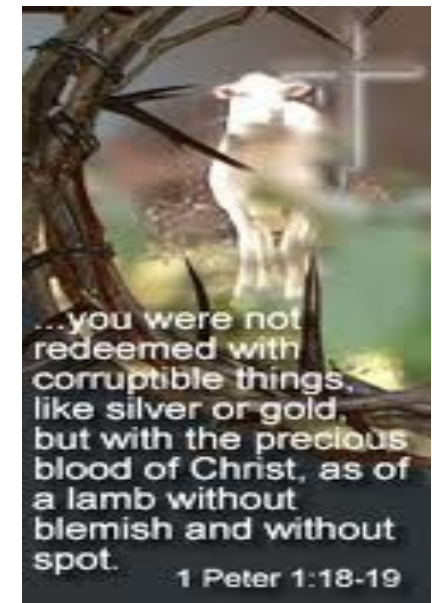
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Tuesday (Read 1 Peter 1:13-21)

(5) According to verses 15-16, in what way should we conduct ourselves and why?

(6) How was our salvation obtained? (Hint- verses 18-19)



As Newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby (2:2)

Thursday (Read 1 Peter 2:4-10)

(10) According to verse 5 what can we as Christians be likened to, and what is our purpose?

(11) According to verse 10, what does being the people of God allow us to obtain?

“But you are called a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people.....” (1 Peter 2:9)

What Does It Mean?

In the Old Testament, whenever you read about “a holy nation” or “His own special people” it often referred to the Jews. God made a covenant with Abraham (the Patriarch of the Jews) and all of Abraham’s children become God’s special people. In the New Testament, however, we discover that it is no longer the Jews who are God’s special people. St. Paul writes “²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus (Gal 3:28). We also read of a vision that St. Peter had in Acts which proves that the Gentiles (non-Jews) could be saved too (Read Acts 10 for more info).

So we are all God’s special people. How should God’s people behave? Should they communicate frequently with Him? Read His word? Love Him and His children?

“Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the Soul.....” (1 Peter 2:11)

What Does It Mean?

A sojourner or pilgrim is someone who is passing through on his way to a better place. A temporary resident. Pilgrims can be rejected because their beliefs are different from those of most people around them. Sometimes as Christians we can feel this way. Do you pray before your meals in public. Do you tell your friends ‘no thanks’ when you get invited to an out of control party?. Maybe you don't get invited anymore because they know its not your scene. Sometimes you make the right choices but still feel I strange! St Peter teaches us that part of being Christ-like is continually holding yourself back from the ‘fleshly lusts’ - the sinful pulls of the world. When you hold back or stand apart, then you’ve become the pilgrim or sojourner Peter is talking about. Take comfort though. Even when you are living on earth, its not your home. Home is heaven- full of beauty & comfort- you will never feel like a stranger there...

Friday (Read 1 Peter 2:11-17)

(12) As Christians, why should we always keep our works (deeds) pure? (Hint- verse 12)

(13) What does verse 17 instruct us to do?

Saturday (Read 1 Peter 2:18-25)

(14) According to verses 18-21, what is commendable before God?

(15) Whose life should we look to when we are tempted to get revenge on someone? (Hint- verses 21-23)

“For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God.....” (1 Peter 2:19, 20)

What Does It Mean?

These verses say that your loyalty to God counts for something with Him. He notices when people make fun of you because of Him. Trust Him and ask Him to make you strong. Keep doing the right thing, and keep the faith that God will bless all your right choices. Know that God is so proud of you. He commends your actions. He sees the battles you fight because of Him. He will never turn away from you. Stay loyal to God and He will stay loyal to you!