

The Book of 1st Peter

BACKGROUND:

PURPOSE:

THEME: *Christian Suffering* – 2:21-23... 5:10

OUTLINE:

1st ... SALVATION OF THE BELIEVER – 1:1-12

1:1-2 ... Greeting

1:6-9 ... Trials for the Present

1:3-5 ... Hope for the Future

1:10-12 ... Revelation from the Past

2nd ... SANCTIFICATION OF THE BELIEVER – 1:13-2:12

1:13-21 ... Be Holy

2:2-3 ... Be Hungry

1:22-25 ... Be Loving

2:4-10 ... Be Worshippers

2:1 ... Be Repentant

2:11-12 ... Glorify God

3rd ... SUBMISSION OF THE BELIEVER – 2:13-3:12

2:13-17 ... Submission to **Government**

3:1-7 ... Submission in the **Marriage**

2:18-25 ... Submission to **Masters**

3:8-12 ... Submission to **One Another**

4th ... SUFFERING OF THE BELIEVER – 3:13-5:14

3:13-17 ... Our Attitude in Suffering

5:10-11 ... The Reasons for Suffering

3:18-4:6 ... Our Example of Suffering

5:12-14 ... Closing greeting

4:7-5:9 ... Our Responsibilities while Suffering

★ LESSONS:

#1 – THE LESSON OF SALVATION

(1st) The Activity of the Triune God – 1:2

(2nd) A Living Hope – 1:3

(3rd) Eternal Inheritance – 1:4

(4th) God Keeping Us – 1:5

(5th) Suffering – 1:6-7... 2:19-21... 3:13-18... 4:1-2... 4:12-19

*'My dear brother, do you know that **sometimes God works a greater wonder when he sustains his people in trouble than he would do if he brought them out of it.** For him to let the bush burn on and yet not to be consumed is a grander thing than for him to quench the flame and so save the bush. God is being glorified in your troubles...'* – C. H. Spurgeon, MTP – vol. 19, #1121

#2 – THE LESSON OF HOLINESS (1:15-16) – Four motivating influences for holiness...

(1st) Our Relationship to God (1:14-15)

(2nd) The Calling and Commandment of God (1:15-16)

(3rd) The Fear of God (1:17)

(4th) Our Redemption in Christ (1:18-19)

#3 – THE LESSON OF HUMILITY AND SUBMISSION – Practical directions to cultivate the grace of Christian humility...

1st ... Think about what you would be, and where you would be...

2nd ... Submit yourself to every truth of God

3rd ... Learn to be totally dependent on Christ

4th ... Watch out for spiritual complacency

5th ... Stop complaining

6th ... Look for ways to glorify God in our troubles

7th ... Rejoice in the blessings of God upon others

8th ... Overcome evil by doing good

9th ... Listen and learn from everyone