

A Tour Through the Divine Library
(1 Peter)

I. General Introduction to 1 Peter

-Title and Recipients: “First of Peter” (1:1a); Christians who were scattered throughout the five provinces of Asia Minor (1:1b)

-Author, Place, and Date: written by Peter (Cephas; Matt. 16:18), one of the twelve, leader/spokesman for the group (Matt. 10; Mark 3; Luke 6; Acts 1) from Rome? (5:13) in AD 65

-Purpose: to encourage suffering Christians (1:6 2:20 3:17 4:19 5:9, 10) to maintain a good testimony before unbelievers (2:12, 15; 3:16; 4:4) and to suffer for doing what is right, rather than for doing what is wrong (2:15, 19, 20; 3:14, 17; 4:14-16, 19)

-Structure:

- I. Salvation (1:3-2:12)
- II. Submission (2:13-3:7)
- III. Suffering (3:8-4:19)
- IV. Service (5:1-11)

II. General Overview of 1 Peter

-see outline above

III. Prominent Themes in 1 Peter

-Persecution and Suffering (1:6; 2:15, 19-21; 3:14, 17, 18; 4:1, 14-16, 19; 5:9, 10); Submission to Human Authority (Acts 5:29; 2:13-3:7); Glory to Come (1:3-5, 7, 13; 2:11;)

IV. Christ in 1 Peter

-1:2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 18, 19; 2:4-8, 21-24; 3:15, 16, 18; 4:1, 13, 14, 16; 5:1, 4

V. Practical Lessons in 1 Peter

- 1) Be prepared to live with tension in connection with submission to human (civil) authority.
- 2) Be prepared to suffer as a Christian (Acts 14:22; 2 Tim. 3:12).
- 3) See to it that your sins are covered in the blood of Christ (1:18, 19; 2:24; 3:18).