

1 Peter

Living Hope

Through Suffering;

Standing in True Grace

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Living Hope

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead” (1:3, NASB)

- “Born again” (ἀναγεννάω, *anagennaō*)

- Twice in NT: 1 Pet. 1:3, 23

- 1:3—(1) “into a living hope”

- (2) “through the resurrection of Jesus Christ
from the dead”

- 1:23—“through the living and enduring word of
God”

Living Hope

“With Christ there is an endless hope—without Christ there is a hopeless end” (Unknown Author)

- “Hope” in 1 Peter:
 - 1:3—“a living hope through **the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead**”
 - 1:21—“who through Him believe in God, who **raised Him from the dead** and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God”
 - 3:15—“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear”

Key Words & Phrases

- **Suffer/suffered/suffering, sufferings**
 - πάσχω, *paschō* (12 times)
 - 2:19-21, 23; 3:14, 17-18; 4:1, 15, 19; 5:10
 - πάθημα, *pathēma* (4 times)
 - 1:11; 4:13; 5:1, 9
- **Glory, glorify/glorified**
 - δόξα, *doxa* (10 times)
 - 1:7, 11, 21, 24; 4:11, 13-14; 5:1, 4, 10
 - δοξάζω, *doxazō* (4 times)
 - 1:8; 2:12; 4:11, 16

Key Words & Phrases

- **Holy**, ἅγιος, *hagios* (7 times)
 - 1:15-16; 2:5, 9; 3:5
- **Conduct**, ἀναστροφή, *anastrophē* (7 times)
 - 1:15, 17, 18; 2:12; 3:1, 2, 16
- **Submit/subject**, ὑποτάσσω, *hypotassō* (6 times)
 - 2:13, 18; 3:1, 5, 22; 5:5
- **Word/message/account**, λόγος, *logos* (5 times)
 - 1:23; 2:8; 3:1, 15; 4:5

Peter, the Man

- “Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ” (1:1)
- Simon Peter, Andrew's brother (Jn. 1:40)
- The son of Jonah (Mt. 16:17) or John (Jn. 1:42)
- “You will be called Cephas (which is translated, Stone)” (Jn. 1:42)
 - Cephas is the Aramaic equivalent of “Peter”
- From Bethsaida (Jn. 1:44)
- Married (Mt. 8:14; 1 Pet. 5:1)
- From sinful fisherman to soul-saver (Lk. 5:1-11)
- Enough faith to walk on water (Mt. 14:29, [22-33])

Peter, the Man

- Gave one of the greatest answers (Jn. 6:66-69)
- Impulsive (Mt. 16:13-23; 17:4; Lk. 9:33; Mt. 17:24-27; 26:31-35; Jn. 18:10-11)
- Close friend of Jesus (Mt. 17:1; 26:36-38)
- Willing spirit, weak flesh (Mt. 26:40-46)
- Saw Jesus' humility (Jn. 13:3-17; 1 Pet. 5:5-6)
- Denied profanely and wept bitterly (Mt. 26:69-75)
- Not the fastest runner of the apostles (Jn. 20:3-4)
- Returned to fishing; was found naked (Jn. 21:1-7)
- Restored and told about his death (Jn. 21:15-19)

Peter, the Man

- Preached the gospel to Jews (Acts 2:14-36, 38-40; 3:12-26)
- Preached the gospel to Gentiles (Acts 10:1-11:18)
- Performed miracles which provided an opportunity to proclaim and glorify Jesus (Acts 3:1-26; 9:32-42)
- Arrested with John for teaching and preaching “in Jesus the resurrection from the dead” (Acts 4:2; cf. 1 Pet. 1:3, 21)
- An “unlearned and ignorant” man (Acts 4:13)
 - Means without formal education

Peter, the Man

- Not a professional religious instructor
- But trained for three years by Jesus, the perfect teacher and guided by the Holy Spirit
- Suffered and stood for the cause of Christ (Acts 4:16-21; 5:17-42; 12:1-11)
- “a witness of the sufferings of Christ” (5:1)
- Entrusted with the gospel to the Jews (Gal. 2:7-8)
- Rebuked by Paul (Gal. 2:11-14)
- Expressed love for Paul (2 Pet. 3:15)

Where Was 1 Peter Written?

- At Babylon (1 Pet. 5:13)
 - Probably a reference to Rome
 - Rev. 17:5; 18:10
 - Eusebius (~AD 290) records that Clement of Rome (~AD 190) stated “Peter had preached the Word publicly at Rome” (*Church History*, Book VI, 14:6)
 - Origen (~AD 220) in his *Commentary on the Book of Genesis III*, quoted by Eusebius in his *Church History* (III, 1), said: “Peter was crucified at Rome with his head downwards, as he himself had desired to suffer”

Recipients

- “Elect” (1:1 in Greek texts; 1:2 in some translations)
 - “chosen, choice” (2:4, 6, 9)
- “Pilgrims” (1:1, NKJV)
 - “residing in a country not one’s own, a sojourner, stranger;” exiles, refugees (2:11; Heb. 11:13)
 - Jn. 17:16; Phil. 3:20
- “Of the dispersion” (1:1)
 - διασπορά (*diaspora*): “a scattering, as of seed” reference to those dispersed due to persecution
 - Jn. 7:35; Jas. 1:1

5 Great Things

- The Great Salvation (Ch. 1)
- The Great Example (Ch. 2)
- The Great Defense (Ch. 3)
- The Great Name (Ch. 4)
- The Great Enemy (Ch. 5)

God's Living and Enduring Word

“Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, because 'All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, and its flower falls away, but the word of the Lord endures forever.' Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you” (1 Pet. 1:22-25)

God's Living and Enduring Word

- “Abide/remain/continue/endure” (1 Pet. 1:23, 25)
 - μένω (*menō*, 118 times in NT, most concentrated in 1 John):
 - to remain unchanged (Rom. 9:11)
 - to be permanent (Jn. 15:16; 2 Cor. 3:11; Heb. 10:34; 13:14)
 - Most occurrences per verse: 1 Jn. 2:24; 4:16

God's Living and Enduring Word

(Tribute by Corey J. Hicks)

“The Bible contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you.

God's Living and Enduring Word

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It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter. Here Paradise is restored, Heaven opened, and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand subject, our good the design, and the glory of God its end.

It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, and prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure.

God's Living and Enduring Word

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It is given you in life, will be opened at the judgment, and be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the greatest labor, and will condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents.”

The Bible and the Cell Phone

(Unknown Author)

“Do you ever wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone?

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if it were so important to us that we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?

What if we used it, not to receive text messages, but to receive messages from the sacred text?

The Bible and the Cell Phone

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?
(Matthew 4:4)

What if we gave it to young people as valued gifts?

What if we used it when we traveled?

What if we used it in case of emergency?

What if we consulted it often to find special
guidance for each day?

The Bible and the Cell Phone

Have we forgotten that prayer is the greatest wireless connection?

And there are no dropped calls because "the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous and His ears are open unto their prayers" (1 Pet. 3:12)

Also the Bible never loses its charge, because it's power does not depend upon anything on earth

It is living and powerful, just like its Author (Heb. 4:12). Don't let the electronic age rob you of these wonderful spiritual realities!"

Submission

- Issues of submission
 - Does God want a wife to leave a harsh husband?
 - A husband to leave/divorce an abusive wife?
 - Does God want believers to leave a harsh government?
 - Some have left harsh governments and fled illegally into other countries
 - Does the end justify the means?
 - If an employee owes an employer labor (as slaves owed master in the 1st century), does God want the employee to break his word with a harsh employer?

Submission

- Submit/subject, ὑποτάσσω, *hupotassō* (6 times)
 - Believers submit to government (2:13-17)
 - Leave a harsh government?
 - Believing household servants submit to masters (2:18-25)
 - Leave a harsh master? 2:18, “to the crooked/harsh”
 - Believing wives submit to husbands (3:1-6)
 - Leave a harsh husband?
 - “Angels, authorities and powers having been subjected to him” (3:22)
 - “Younger be submissive to elders” (age)? (5:5)

Memory Verse Review ***(2 Timothy—James)***

- 2 Tim. 2:15—“Do your best...”
- Titus 2:11-12—“For the grace...”
- Philemon 20—“Yes, brother...”
- Heb. 3:12—“Beware, brothers...”
- Jas. 1:22—“But be...”

Memory Verse for 1 Peter

4:16

“But if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this name”