

## Outline of 1st Peter

NOTE: This outline is given for the purpose of providing the student with a general idea of the subject matter of the book. It is not given as an accurate exegesis and all of the thoughts contained in it are not endorsed by the teachers. There are many outlines of 1 Peter that use different concepts to describe its contents. Please use it as an aid in your preparation for class. The teachers may or may not follow it in the class.

1. SALUTATION: PETER THE APOSTLE TO SOJOURNERS IN GOD'S ETERNAL CARE. 1:1-2.
2. GENERAL DOCTRINE: THE GREATNESS OF YOUR SALVATION. 1:3-2:10.
  1. You grow as Christians through joyful faith. 1:3-12.
    1. Joy in future heavenly reward. 1:3-5.
    2. Joy in spite of suffering. 1:6-7.
    3. Inexpressible joy in knowing Christ himself. 1:8-9.
    4. Prophets and angels amazed at the glory of your salvation. 1:10-12.
  2. Application: You must be holy in all your conduct. 1:13-25.
    1. Desire the beauty of being like a holy God. 1:13-16.
    2. Fear the displeasure of a Father who is an impartial Judge. 1:17-21.
    3. Love one another, now and for ever. 1:22-25.
  3. How to advance in holiness. 2:1-10.
    1. Be nourished by the Lord through the word. 2:1-3.
    2. Abide in Christ - together - as the new temple of God. 2:4-6.
      1. Unbelievers reject Christ and stumble. 2:7-8.
      2. But you are joined with Christ to be blessed as the true people of God. 2:9-10.
3. SPECIFIC ETHICAL TEACHINGS: HOW TO BE HOLY IN THE MIDST OF UNBELIEVERS. 2:11-5:11.
  1. General Principles. 2:11-12.
    1. Abstain from following sinful passions. 2:11.
    2. Maintain good conduct among the Gentiles. 2:12.
  2. Living as citizens: Be subject to government authorities for the Lord's sake.

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3. Living as servants: Be subject to your masters. 2:18-25.
    1. Even to evil ones. 2:18-20.
    2. For Christ suffered for you, trusting God. 2:21-25.
  4. Living as married persons. 3:1-7.
    1. Wives: Be subject to your husbands. 3:1-6.
    2. Husbands: Live considerately with your wives. 3:7.
  5. Living as Christians generally. 3:8-22.
    1. Be humble and united in spirit. 3:8.
    2. Return blessing when evil is done to you. 3:9-12.
    3. How to act when you suffer for righteousness. 3:13-4:19.
      1. Know that you are blessed. 3:13-14a.
      2. Trust Christ. 3:14b-15a.
      3. Use this opportunity to witness while doing right. 3:15b-17.
        1. For Christ suffered in order to bring you to God. 3:18.
        2. Another example: Noah witnessed when persecuted. 3:19-20.
        3. God will save you (as he did Noah and Christ). 3:21-22.
      4. Decide that you are willing to suffer for righteousness. 4:1-6.
        1. For a Christian who has suffered for doing right has made a clear break with sin. 4:1-2.
        2. Give no more time to sin. 4:3.
        3. There is a judgment coming for Gentiles who abuse you. 4:4-5.
        4. For the gospel was preached to Christians who have died to save them from eternal judgment. 4:6.
    5. The "end of all things is at hand," so act this way within the church. 4:7-11.
      1. Pray more and love each other. 4:7-9.
      2. Glorify God in using your gifts. 4:10-11.
    6. Do not be surprised at your trial, but rejoice. 4:12-16.
      1. For God's judgment is beginning from God's own house. 4:17-18.
      2. Therefore so right and trust God continually. 4:19.
    6. Living as church members and officers. 5:1-7.
      1. Elders: Shepherd God's flock rightly. 5:1-4.
      2. Young people (and all others): Be subject to the elders. 5:5a.
      3. All of you: Be humble toward each other. 5:5b.

1. Humble yourselves before God. 5:6.
  2. Gain humility by casting your cares on God. 5:7.
7. Living as Christians in spiritual conflict. 5:8-11.
  1. Beware of the devil. 5:8.
  2. Resist the devil with firm faith. 5:9.
  3. God will restore you after you have suffered. 5:10-11.
4. CLOSING GREETINGS. 5:12-14.
  1. I am sending this by faithful Silvanus. 5:12a.
  2. Stand in the grace I have described. 5:12b.
  3. Greetings from the church in Rome and from Mark. 5:13.
  4. Greet one another. 5:14a.
  5. Peace to all who are in Christ. 5:14b.