

A Survey of the New Testament

Lesson 23: 1 Peter

“Guidelines for Righteous Living”

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Summary: Peter encourages the church to live righteously even though they may be persecuted by unbelievers.

Author: _____

- The writer named himself as Peter.
- He identified himself as an _____.
- This is the consensus of the early church.
- Who was Peter?
 - He was the leader of the apostles (Matt 10:2).
 - He was a fisherman (Matt 4:18).
 - He was a _____ apostle, and his wife might have traveled with him (Mark 1:29-30; 1 Cor. 9:5).
 - He was _____ (John 21:18-19a).

Recipient:

- Strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia (1:1)
 - “Strangers” could be either _____.
 - These places were Roman provinces in ancient Asia Minor.
 - The recipients were suffering persecution.
- Generally addressed to suffering _____.

Date:

- After persecution began in A.D. _____.
 - _____ set fire to Rome so he could expand his city.
 - When popular opinion turned against him, he blamed the Christians.
 - This initiated empire-wide persecution.

Key Theme: _____....

- Requires faith through trials.
- Requires holiness.
- Requires _____.
- Requires a good conscience.
- Requires sobriety.
- Requires suffering.

Book Content Overview:

- Introduction (1:1-2)
- Living righteously requires _____ through trials (1:3-12).
- Living righteously requires holiness (1:13-2:12).
- Living righteously requires submission to authorities (2:13-25).
- Living righteously requires submission in marriage (3:1-7).
- Living righteously requires a good _____ (3:8-22).
- Living righteously requires sobriety (4:1-11).
- Living righteously requires _____ (4:12-18).
- Living righteously requires submission in the church (5:1-11).
- Conclusion (5:12-14).

Important Person:

- Peter – the author
- _____ – the same as John Mark
- Silvanus – Peter’s amanuenses (5:12), possibly Paul’s traveling companion
- _____.
- The church at Babylon (5:13)
 - _____ Babylon in Mesopotamia
 - Probably a code word for _____ (Rev. 17:3-5, 9)

Application: Love your neighbor with the love of God so that you may maintain a clear conscience before God and man.