

Overview of the Epistles

1 Peter

Lesson 1 (Introduction; 1 Peter 1:1-25)

THEMATIC VERSE:

[1Pe 2:11-12 NASB95] *11 Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul. 12 Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe [them,] glorify God in the day of visitation.*

KEY POINTS

- Salvation in Christ! (1:3-12)
- Responsibilities of privilege (1:13 - 2:12; 2:13 - 3:12)
- Responses to suffering (3:13 - 5:14)

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2. Peter refers to his readers as sojourners (or pilgrims) of the Dispersion (ASV, NKJV). Compare Peter's use of this term with John's (John 7:35) and James' (Jas. 1:1) usages. Is Peter addressing the same group of people or not? (Provide supporting verses with your answer). (1:1)

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8. How will obedience to the truth manifest itself? Why? Explain the nature of God's word in relation to things of the "flesh". What effect does God's word have on the accepting hearer? (1:22-25)