

1 PETER: THE GLORY OF SUFFERING FOR YOUR SAVIOR (1:1-12)

A. THE INTRODUCTION TO 1 PETER (1:1)

1. The *writer* of this letter is _____. (1:1a)
2. The *recipients* of this letter are primarily _____ who were _____ due to the dispersion & who lived in _____. (1:1b)
3. The *date* of this letter was _____, written from _____. (5:13)
4. The *theme* of this Letter Centers Around SUFFERING FOR CHRIST as it relates to...
 - _____ (1:1-12)
 - _____ (1:13-2:10)
 - _____ (2:11-3:7)
 - _____ (3:8-5:7)
 - _____ (5:8-14)

B. The INSTRUCTIONS - SUFFERINGS / TRIALS NEED TO BE VIEWED IN LIGHT OF GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION FOR YOU. (1:2-12) When facing difficult trials, God wants to encourage you to...

1. remember what GOD has already done FOR you. (1:2)

- a. *God the Father* has _____ you according to His _____ so that you are very special to Him.
- b. *God the Spirit* has _____ you as you are set apart to God.
- c. *God the Son* (Jesus Christ) has shed His blood for the sins of the world so that through _____ the Gospel, you were _____ with the blood of Christ. (1:18-19)

2. realize that God's _____ (God's riches, righteousness, and resources) is sufficient for you and God's _____ (inner rest) is available to you. (1:2b)

3. repeatedly PRAISE God that...

- a. He is the reason you have been _____ according to His abundant mercy. (1:3a)
- b. He has given you a future _____ through Christ's resurrection. (1:3b)
- c. He has _____ for you an _____ in _____. (1:4)
- d. He has guaranteed that each of His children (those who are born again) are perpetually _____ by His _____, entered into through _____ alone. (1:5)

4. recognize and embrace GOD'S PERSPECTIVE about your trials. (1:6-7)

- a. Trials need to be viewed in light of verses 2-5 so that you can _____ in the midst of them... *"In this you greatly rejoice"* (1:6a).
- b. Trials are _____... *"though now for a little while"* (1:6b).
- c. Trials are _____... *"if need be"* (1:6c).
- d. Trials are mentally and emotionally _____ ... *"you have been grieved"* (1:6d).
- e. Trials are of many _____ ... *"by various trials"* (1:6e).
- f. Trials are often _____ in number... *"trials"* (1:6e).
- g. Trials are _____... *"that..."* (1:7a).
- a. Trials are designed to _____ *"that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire"* (1:7b).
- h. Trials, if passed by God's grace through faith, can result in great reward consisting of "_____
_____ *at the revelation of Jesus Christ.*"(1:7c)

5. REJOICE GREATLY in the Lord sustained by ...

- a. _____ for Jesus Christ. (1:8a)
- b. _____ in Jesus Christ. (1:8b)
- c. _____ in Jesus Christ. (1:9)

6. reflect on God's GRACE and His great plan / provision of SALVATION for you. (1:10-12)

- a. God's grace salvation was _____ in the Old Testament times by the HOLY SPIRIT utilizing human PROPHETS. (1:10-11a)
 - What was their dilemma?
- b. God's grace salvation was _____ in New Testament times by the SUFFERINGS of CHRIST and the GLORIES that came after His sufferings. (1:10-12a)
- c. God's grace salvation was _____ to these scattered pilgrims by means of the HOLY SPIRIT utilizing believers to EVANGELIZE them with the GOSPEL. (1:12b)
- d. God's grace salvation is presently being intensely _____ by the _____. (1:12c)
 - Why might angels have an interest in all this?
 - How does all of this apply to you?