

1 Peter an introduction

1 Peter 1:1-2

1 Peter 5:13 She who is at Babylon, who is likewise chosen, sends you greetings, and so does Mark, my son.

Babylon = Rome

62-64 A.D.

Suffering Christians Should Remember Their Great Salvation (1:3–2:10)

Suffering Christians Should Remember Their Example Before Men (2:11–4:6)

Suffering Christians Should Remember Their Lord Will Return (4:7–5:11)

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Peter wanted his readers to live triumphantly in the midst of hostility without abandoning hope, becoming bitter, losing faith in Christ, or forgetting His second coming.

MacArthur, John F., Jr. 2004. [1 Peter](#). MacArthur New Testament Commentary. Chicago: Moody Publishers.

Grace & Suffering

Grace (charis): a favorable attitude toward someone or something—‘favor, good will.

1 Peter 1:2; 10, 13; 3:7; 4:10; 5:5, 10, 12

1 Peter 1:1–2 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, ²according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May **grace** and peace be multiplied to you.

1 Peter 5:10 And after you have suffered a little while, **the God of all grace**, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

Suffering (paschō): To suffer, to be affected by something from without, to be acted upon, to undergo an experience.

1 Peter 2:19, 20, 21, 23; 3:14, 17, 18; 4:1 (2X), 15, 19; 5:10

Zodhiates, Spiros. 2000. In [The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament](#), electronic ed. Chattanooga, TN: AMG Publishers.

1 Peter 4:12–13 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

The suffering of the churches is an inevitable result of their new life, but not the core of that life.

Dorani, Daniel M. 2014. [1 Peter](#). Edited by Richard D. Phillips, Philip Graham Ryken, and Daniel M. Dorani. Reformed Expository Commentary. Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing.

Apostle

1 Peter 1:1 **Peter**, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

Luke 6:14 Simon, **whom he named Peter**, and Andrew his brother, and James and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew,

Matthew 16:16–18 Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ **And I tell you, you are Peter**, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Apostle (apostolos): a special messenger of Jesus Christ; a restricted group

Audience

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Elect exiles

Elect (eklektos): chosen, picked out, selected

John 15:16 **You did not choose me, but I chose you** and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.

Ephesians 1:3–4 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴**even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world**, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love

Exiles (parepidēmos): Stranger, a person who for a period of time lives in a place which is not his normal residence—‘alien, stranger, temporary resident.

Hebrews 11:13 These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and **having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.**

1 Peter 1:13 Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, **set your hope fully** on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Dispersion (dispora); scattering

For Peter then—and this is most important—the phrase “exiles of the dispersion” depicts the normative state of any follower of Jesus, so long as he or she remains in this world.

Helm, David R. 2008. [*1 & 2 Peter and Jude: Sharing Christ's Sufferings*](#). Preaching the Word. Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books.

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1 Peter 1:2 **according to the foreknowledge of God the Father**, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

Foreknowledge (prognōsis): to know beforehand; to know about something prior to some temporal reference point.

Believers are elect because God the Father has set his covenantal affection upon them.

Schreiner, Thomas R. 2003. [*1, 2 Peter, Jude*](#). Vol. 37. The New American Commentary. Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers.

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At salvation the sanctifying work of the Spirit sets believers apart from sin to God, separates them from darkness to light, sets them apart from unbelief to faith, and

mercifully separates them from a love of sin and brings them to a love of righteousness.

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Titus 3:5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, **by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,**

Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works,** which God prepared beforehand, **that we should walk in them.**

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Ephesians 1:7 In him we have redemption **through his blood,** the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,

Hebrews 10:12 But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God,

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1 Peter 2:9–12 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. ¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.