

**SUFFERING: 6 PRINCIPLES TO RECOGNIZE & MIX WITH FAITH  
(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)**

- How does all of this apply to you?