

## I Peter

### **BACKGROUND:**

This epistle from the Apostle Peter and written about 63-64 A.D., is addressed to Christians, predominantly Gentiles, throughout Asia Minor in areas not evangelized when Acts was written. The primary theme of the letter is the proper response to Christian suffering. Persecution and suffering can cause you to grow or to grumble . . . it all depends on your response! Peter is speaking to "pilgrims" in a world growing increasingly hostile to Christians. He begins by talking about the salvation of the believer, then the sanctification of the believer, proceeds to the submission of the believer, and then talks about the suffering of the believer. Peter wrote with real warmth and sympathy for the plight of his readers but speaks with great authority, citing 34 imperatives from 1:13 to 5:9.

### **A BRIEF OUTLINE OF I PETER:**

- I. Salvation of the Believer (1:1-1:12).
- II. Sanctification of the Believer (1:13-2:12).
- III. Submission of the Believer (2:13-3:12).
- IV. Suffering of the Believer (3:13-5:14).

**HELPS:** Before turning to these, read prayerfully the Word of God, praying that the Holy Spirit will guide you and instruct you.

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[http://www.preceptaustin.org/1\\_peter\\_commentaries\\_3.htm](http://www.preceptaustin.org/1_peter_commentaries_3.htm)

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