

I PETER

Trails & Hope of His Return

AUTHOR

The Apostle Peter, “The Apostle of Hope”

- Paul, “The Apostle of Faith”
- John, “The Apostle of Love”

Luke 22:31-34 – “Strengthen thy brethren”

- I Peter and II Peter do just that!

DATE A.D. 64-65

- Written near the end of Peter’s life
- Believers were being scattered by increasing Roman persecution

THEME “HOPE FOR SUFFERING SAINTS”

Rome under Nero was seeking to stamp out Christianity (4:16; 4:12-13; 5:8-9)

How do we have a living hope?

1. Because of the resurrection (1:3)
2. Because of our reservation (in heaven) (1:4)
 - We are strangers on earth with no eternal claim here
3. Because of the return of Christ (1:5-7)

OUTLINE

INTRODUCTION (1:1-2)

- I. The life of faith – (1:3-25)
- II. The life of holiness (2:1-3:9)
- III. The life of victory (3:10-4:19)
- IV. The life of sacrifice (5:1-7)
- V. Life of conflict (5:8-11)

CONCLUSION (5:12-14)

KEY WORDS

- Trial
- Joy
- Hope
- Grace
- Glory
- Suffer

KEY VERSE

I Peter 1:7

“That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:”

SPECIAL FEATURES

Great themes/subjects in I Peter:

1. The Suffering of Christ (1:11; 2:21 & 23; 3:18; 4:1 & 13; 5:1)
2. The Word of God (1:23-2:2)
3. Marriage (3:1-7)
4. The Second Coming (5:4)
5. Comfort and Suffering (5:7)

CHRIST IN THE BOOK

1. The One who suffered for our sins (1:19; 2:21,24)
2. The Living Stone and Chief Corner Stone(2:4-6)
3. The One who is precious (2:2)
4. The Chief Shepherd (5:4)

II PETER

True and False Prophecy

AUTHOR

Peter

- Wrote the 1st epistle to encourage believers because of perils without
- Writes the 2nd epistle to warn them of perils within

DATE A.D. 66-67

- This book is Peter's farewell (1:13-15)

THEME "THE COUNTERFEIT AND THE COMING OF CHRIST"

Main purpose for writing:

1. To re-affirm the truthfulness of the apostles message (1:12,16)
2. To warn against the apostasy (2:1-2; 3:17)
3. To assure them that Christ will come again (3:8-9,11)

OUTLINE

1. The Christian's Growth (1:5-8, 10-11)
"A fruitful knowledge of Christ"
2. The Christian's Peril (2:1-3, 15-17)
"False teachers"
3. The Christian's Hope (*3:4a, 9,15)

Our hope is in Christ who is coming again and who will keep His promise.

KEY WORDS

- Knowledge
- Remembrance (4 times)
- Prophecy (4 times)

KEY VERSE

II Peter 3:18

“But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.”

SPECIAL FEATURES

1. Key teaching in the inspiration of Scripture (1:16-21)
2. Key teaching a living a fruitful Christian life (1:5-8)

FAITH + virtue + knowledge + temperance + patience + godliness +
brotherly kindness + charity

CHRIST IN THE BOOK

1. He is the “Day Star” (1:19)
2. He is the eternal God (3:8)