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Peter, the brother of Andrew and son of Jonah (Matt 16:17), a fisherman of Bethsaida on the Sea of Galilee, is the author of both epistles which bear his name.

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DATE: a.d. 63-64
Peter identifies his location at the time of writing as "Babylon" (1 Pet 5:13).

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Recipients: Christians of the Dispersion
Elect pilgrims of the Dispersion in the Asian provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia are the recipients of this letter.

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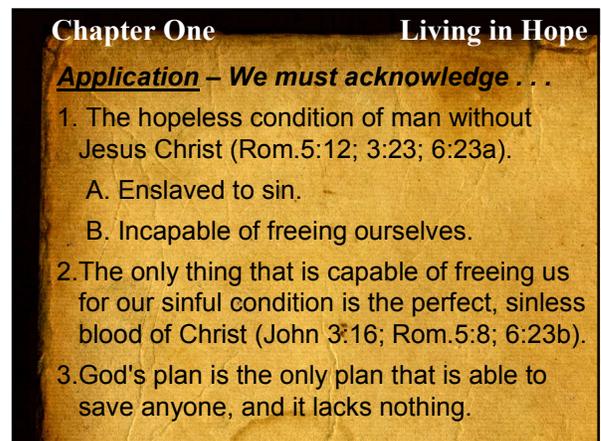
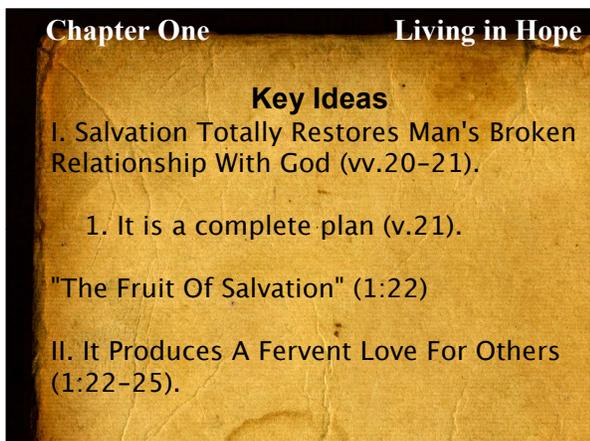
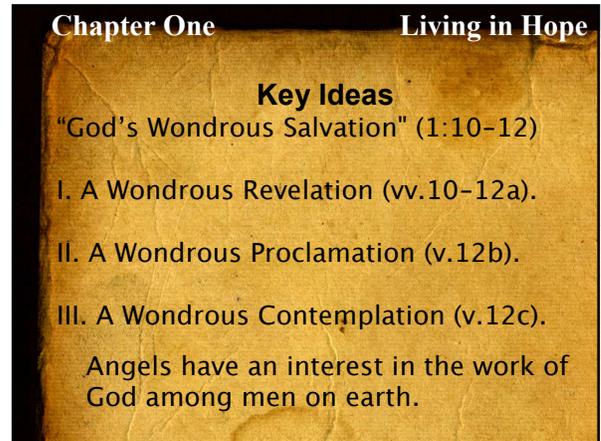
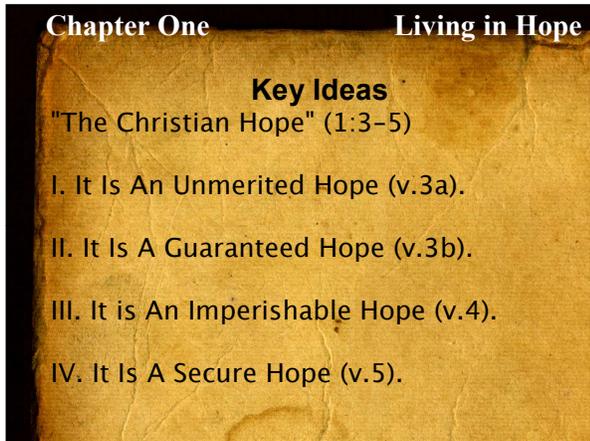
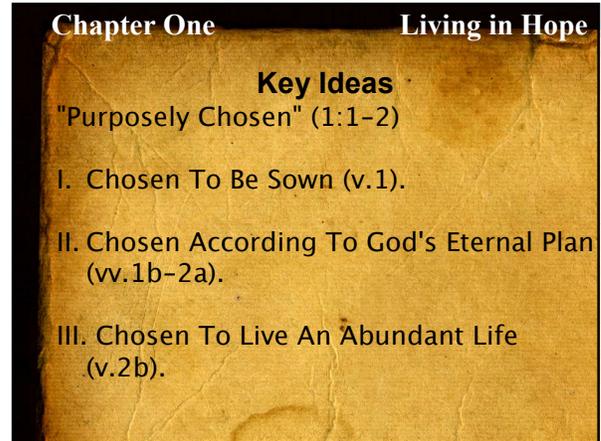
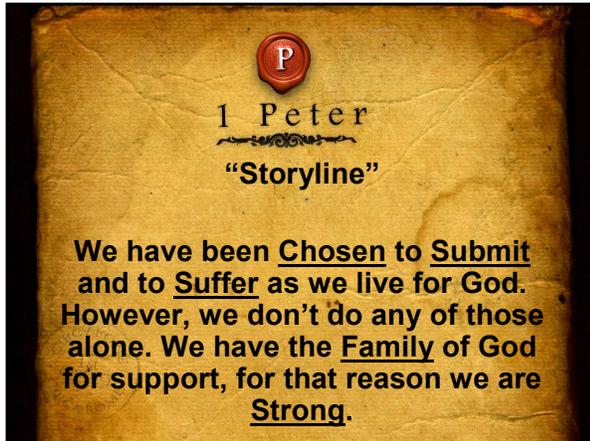
Themes

Persecution	Salvation
God's Family	Family Life
Judgment	

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Theological Outline of 1 Peter

Living In Hope	Chapter 1
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Living With Suffering	Chapter 3-4
Closing Exhortations	Chapter 5



Chapter Two Living in Submission

Key Ideas

I. Salvation Produces The Ability To Cast Aside Fleshly Attitudes (2:1).

1. Since we have become partakers of God's divine salvation we are to take off our old clothes (i.e., our fleshly behavior).

II. It Produces A Hunger For God's Word (2:2-3).

Chapter Two Living in Submission

Key Ideas

"God's Building Codes" (2:4-8)

I. God's Corner Stone Of Life (vv.4-7a).

1. Christ is a living stone (v.4a)

II. Man's Corner Stone Of Destruction (vv.7b-8).

1. Christ is a rejected stone for those who do not believe (v.7b).

Chapter Two Living in Submission

Key Ideas

"Keep The Proper Perspective " (2:9-10)

I. Remember Who You Are (v.9a). – A chosen people (Ex.19:6; Dt.10:15; Isa 43:21).

II. Remember What You Are To Be Doing (v.9b). – Proclaiming the wondrous deeds of God.

III. Remember Where You Came From (v.10).

Chapter Two Living in Submission

Key Ideas

"Dealing With Workplace Abuse" (2:18-25)

I. The Christian's Responsibility In The Workplace (vv.18-20). – Submissive to those you work for (v.18) & sure you are not the reason for the abuse (vv.19-20).

II. Following Christ's Example (vv.21-25).

1. Christ's example of unjustified suffering (vv.21-23)

Chapter Two Living in Submission

Application

1. No Christian has the right to live for themselves. – We are accountable to one another.

2. All Christians are to be good workers, regardless of how treated. – Don't use poor treatment to justify poor work or attitudes.

3. Always remember that we too were once lost, but Jesus found us and gave His life to us.

Chapter Three Living with Suffering

Key Ideas

"God's Guidelines For A Happy Marriage" (3:1-7)

I. God's Instruction To Wives (vv.1-6).

1. Submissiveness (v.1a; 2:18-25).

II. God's Instructions To Husbands (v.7).

1. Sacrificialness (v.7a; 2:18-25).

Chapter Three Living with Suffering

Key Ideas

"Walking The Talk" (3:8-12)

I. Right Heart To Fellow Believers (v.8).

1. Be united in purpose (v.8a).

II. Never Retaliate When Treated Poorly (v.9).

III. Live Your Life Righteously (vv.10-12; Psalm 34:12-16a).

Chapter Three Living with Suffering

Key Ideas

"Godly Living In Hostile Culture" (3:13-17)

I. Live A Righteous Life (vv.13-14). - Live your life so that you will be a benefit to others (v.13).

II. Make Christ The Center Of Your Heart And Life (vv.15-17).- A Christ-centered life places Christ on the throne of your heart (v.15a).

Chapter Three Living with Suffering

Key Ideas

"Christ Our Example; From Suffering To Glory" (3:18-22)

I. His Suffering (vv.18-20).

1. The accomplishment of the cross (v.18).

II. His Resurrection (v.21-22).

1. A good conscience when facing persecution (v.21).

Chapter Three Living with Suffering

Application

1. Jesus Christ's death, burial and resurrection was total and complete.

2. When we find ourselves in the midst of trials or persecution we can find comfort in the fact that we have a Savior who has experienced the same thing and overcame it.

3. The exaltation of Christ guarantees our ultimate victory over persecution, because He is sovereign over all things.

Chapter Four Living with Suffering

Key Ideas

"Christ Our Example; Keeping A Christlike Attitude During Suffering" (4:1-6)

I. Arm Yourself With The Mind Of Christ (v.1). - Equips the believer for suffering.

II. Live According To God's Will And Not The Flesh (vv.2-4).

III. Realize That Everyone Will Give An Account To God Some Day (vv.5-6).

Chapter Four Living with Suffering

Key Ideas

"What are you expecting" (v. 7 - 11)

I. We Are To Have An Expectant Attitude (v.7a).

II. We Are To Have A Prayerful Attitude (v.7b).

III. We Are To Have A Ministering Attitude (vv.8-11). - In our love for other believers (v.8).

Chapter Four Living with Suffering

Key Ideas

- "Be Prepared For Suffering" (4:12-19)
- I. Be Mentally Prepared For It (v.12). - Christians are not exempt (v.12a, c).
 - II. Rejoice And Be Blessed In It (vv.13-14).
 - III. Suffer For The Right Reasons (vv.15-16).
 - IV. Remember That God's Judgment Begins At Home (vv.17-18).
 - V. How To React (v.19).

Chapter Four Living with Suffering

Application

1. This passage teaches us that there is no such thing as "just believe in Jesus and all your problems will go away" theology.
2. When we do face suffering and trials, it should be a time of self-examination.
3. When we are suffering for the right reasons, we will be able to rejoice in the Lord no matter what the circumstances are.
4. Finally, who are you entrusting your soul to?

Chapter Five Exhortations To Be Strong

Key Ideas

- "Principles In Biblical Leadership" (5:1-4)
- I. Its Role Model (v.1).
 1. The equality of Eldership (v.1).
 - A. Qualifications (all are given in the present tense and masculine gender: 1 Tim.3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9).
 - B. Descriptive titles: Overseer/Bishop

Chapter Five Exhortations To Be Strong

Key Ideas

- "Principles In Biblical Leadership" (5:1-4) (Con't)
- I. Its Responsibilities (vv.2-3).
 1. Shepherd by your own accord and not because of pressure by others (v.2a).
 - II. Its Reward (v.4).
 1. Faithful leaders will be rewarded when Christ returns (v.4a).

Chapter Five Exhortations To Be Strong

Key Ideas

- "Be Humble, But Watchful!" (5:5-14)
- I. A Call For Humility (vv.5-7).
 1. The call to follow our Elders/Pastors (v.5a).
 - II. The Warning And Promise (vv.8-11).
 1. The warning to be on alert for our adversary (v.8).
 2. The call to resist the adversary (v.9).

Chapter Five Exhortations To Be Strong

Application

1. We are reminded that for God's church to function as it should we should all have an attitude of humility.
2. We are reminded that we are in a spiritual war.
3. We are reminded that there is always a purpose for suffering in our lives.
4. We are reminded again that we all belong to God's family.

"1st Peter Storyline"

We have been Chosen to Submit and to Suffer as we live for God's purposes. However, we cannot do any of this alone. We have the Family of God for support, for that reason we are Strong, able to stand firm.

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Where are you living?