

1 & 2 Peter



Basic Info

- **Theme:** Hope in the midst of suffering
- **Author:** The Apostle Peter (1:1)
- **Amanuensis:** Silvanus (Silas 5:12)
- **Recipients:** Scattered elect in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, Bithynia.
- **Date:** 63–64 AD
- **Place of writing:** Rome (“Babylon”)

1 Peter Recipients – Map



<http://loveintruth.com/1peter/map.htm>

The Times

- Time of suffering.
- Just prior to the intense Neronic persecutions in Rome 64–48 AD (can you imagine 1 Pet 2:13–17?)
- Probably mixed congregations of Jews and Gentiles scattered throughout the Roman world (cf Acts 2:9).
- Roman society – licentious, slavery,

Theme

- Hope in the midst of suffering.
 - Unbelievers can't get it.
 - Believers can face fiery trials because they have received a living hope (4:12)
 - Jesus is the model and inspiration for handling suffering (2:21–24)

	Our Living Hope	Our Different Life	Our Fiery Trial	
Introduction	May grace and peace be yours	Beloved I urge you (2:11)	Beloved...	Conclusion
	As we claim our hope (1:3-12)	Abstain! (2:11-12)	Done be surprised (4:12)	
	As we walk in holiness	Submit! (2:13-3:7)	Keep on rejoicing (4:13)	
	As we grow in Christ (2:1-10)	Be Humble! (3:8-22)	Entrust your soul (4:19)	
		Arm yourselves	Cast your anxiety (5:7)	
		Glorify God (4:7-11)	Resist the Devil (5:9)	
1:1	1:2-2:10	2:11-4:11	4:12-5:11	5:12-14
Emphasis	Teaching	Encouraging	Comforting	
Grace	...to go on	... to stand firm	... to rejoice	
Hope	A living Hope	An obedient Hope	A certain Hope	

Outline 1:1–2:10

Experience God's grace by salvation

1. Live in hope. 1:1–12
2. Live in holiness. 1:13–21
3. Live in Him. 1:22 – 2:10

Outline 2:11-4:11

Experience God's grace through submission

1. Submit to authorities.
2:11-17
2. Submit to masters. 2:18-25
3. Submit in the home. 3:1-7
4. Submit in the church.

Outline 4:12–5:11

Experience God's grace in suffering

1. Glorify Christ's name. 4:12–19
2. Serve Christ's church. 5:1–4
3. Depend on Christ's grace.
5:5–11
4. Enjoy Christ's family. 5:12–14

Practical Application

- Encouragement in trials and testing
- Call to Holy Living 1:12–
- Submissive attitudes (1 Pet 2:13–25, 5:5)
- Marriage (1 Pet 3)
- Sin (1 Pet 4:2ff)
- Brotherly love (1 Pet 3:8, 4:8)
- Elders (1 Pet 5)
- Pride (1 Pet 5:5–6)
- Anxiety (1 Pet 5:7)
- Devil, prowling lion (1 Pet 5:9)



2 Peter

Therefore, dear friends, since you already know this, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and fall from your secure position...

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- **Theme:** Hope in the midst of suffering
- **Author:** The Apostle Peter (1:1), my second letter (3:1)
- **Amanuensis:** Not mentioned.
- **Recipients:** Same as 1 Peter(1:1,3:1)
- **Date:** 65–66 AD
- **Place of writing:** probably Rome

Authorship

- Scholars attacked 2 Peter heavily.
- Disputed authorship, pseudepigraphic.
- Late inclusion in canon.
- Certainly differences in style to 1 Peter, but different times, circumstances, subject matter etc.
- Use of an amanuensis in 1 Peter.

The Times

- Time of suffering.
- In the midst of Neronic persecutions in Rome 64–68 AD.
- Near the end of Peter’s life (1:12–15).
- Heresy becoming a problem (in just 30 years). Apostles starting to die out. Second generation of disciples.

Themes

- Reaffirming the truthfulness of the **apostolic witness**. Watch out for the false teachers....
- 1:16 ...did not follow cleverly invented stories...
- 1:19 ... word of the prophets made more certain...
- 1:20–21 ... prophecy – men spoke from God.
- 3:2 ... recall the words.. Of the

Themes

- Good doctrine goes with good life.
- False doctrine goes with corrupt life.
- ...promise them freedom while they themselves are slaves of depravity. (2:19)
- ... scoffers will come.... Following their own evil desires (3:3)

Purposes

- Encourage Spiritual Growth (2 Pet 1)
- Counter False Teaching (2 Pet 2)
- Foster watchfulness in light of our Lord's certain return (2 Pet 3)

Outline in a nutshell

- We've got everything we need through God's divine power and promises.
- Therefore, press on, grow, make your calling sure.
- Remember the of certainty and eternal truth of the prophet's and apostle's words.
- But there were false prophets then and there will be false prophets now. Watch out, these guys are wicked, slimy and doomed. Don't be fooled and get entangled with them.
- Last days are coming. Scoffers are

Spiritual Teachers

- Characteristics of Spiritual Teachers

False Teacher	Controlled by the Flesh Immoral Slave of sin Starves sinners Destination: Lake of Fire
Faithful Teacher	Controlled by the Spirit Moral Slave of the Saviour Feeds Sinners Destination : Heaven

2 Peter 2 & Jude

- 2 Peter 2:1–18, 3:1–3 very similar to Jude 4–13
- 4 Possible explanations:
 - Jude dependant on 2 Peter.
 - 2 Peter dependant on Jude.
 - Both letters dependant on a common source.
 - Common authorship
- Majority view: 2 Peter dependant on Jude.
- However, Jude might reference 2

Practical Application

- Word of God (1:16–21, 3:16–17)
- Make every effort (2:5–9, 3:18)
- Reminders (1:12, 3:1, 3:17)
- False Teachers (2:1–22)
- Falling Away (2:20–22, 3:17)
- True freedom (2:19)
- Coming of Jesus (3:
- God's patience is for repentance (3:9, 15)