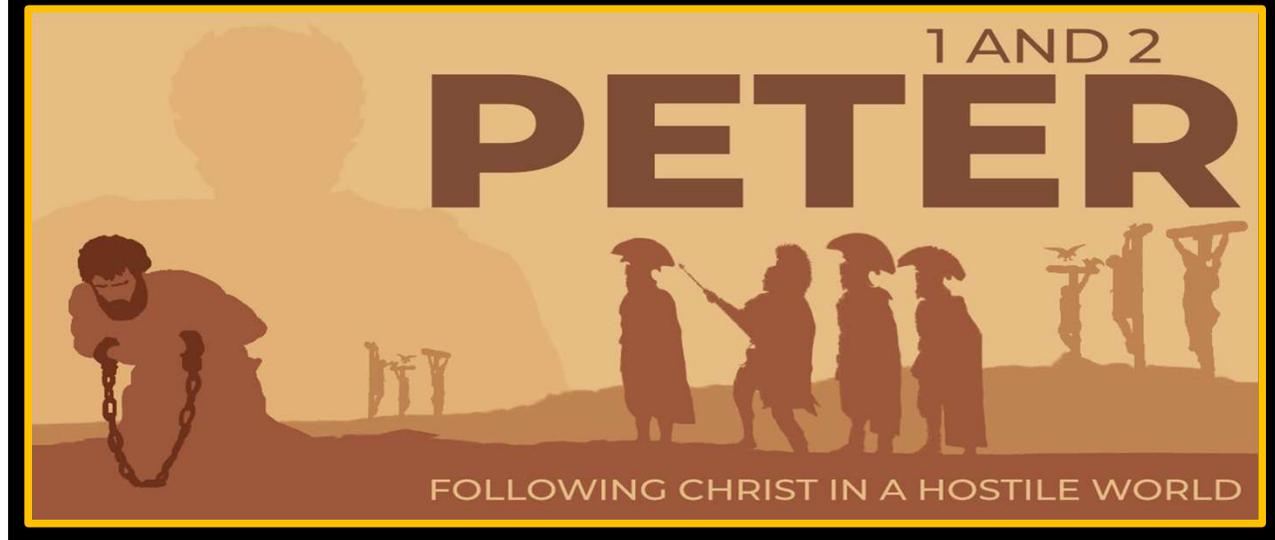


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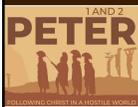
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Bible Study Schedule Jan – Feb 2022

Date	Study Title	Scriptures
1/12/2022	Strangers In the World	I Peter 1:1 – 12
1/19/2022	Called To Be Different	I Peter 1:13 – 25
1/26/2022	Do I Want To Grow Up?	I Peter 2:1 – 12
2/2/2022	In His Steps	I Peter 2:13 – 3:7
2/9/2022	If I'm Living Right, Then why Do I Hurt So Much	I Peter 3:8 – 22
2/16/2022	Christians At Risk	I Peter 4
2/23/2022	TLC For Trying Times	I Peter 5



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This Week's Lesson – February 9, 2022

I & II Peter: Following Christ In A Hostile World

Lesson 5:

If I'm Living Right, Then why Do I Hurt So Much?

I Peter 3:8 – 22



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Introduction to I Peter

Author: 1 Peter 1:1 identifies the author as the apostle Peter.

Date of Writing: between A.D. 60 and 65.

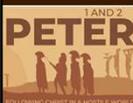
Purpose of Writing: To encourage the dispersed believers to endure suffering in an obedient, victorious life.

Practical Application:

- The assurance of eternal life is given to all Christians.
- One way to identify with Christ is to share in His suffering.
- We are to stand up for Biblical Truth and rejoice when the world and Satan aim to hurt you.



The Apostle
Peter



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Read I Peter 3: 8 – 22

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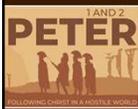
I Peter 3:8 – 11 (NIV)

8 Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.

9 Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.

10 For, “Whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech.

11 They must turn from evil and do good; they must seek peace and pursue it.



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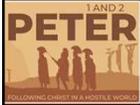
1 Peter 3:12 – 15 (NIV)

12 For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

13 Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good?

14 But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.”

15 But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,



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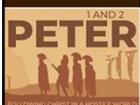
1 Peter 3:16 – 19 (NIV)

16 keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

17 For it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.

19 After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits—



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1 Peter 3:20 – 22 (NIV)

20 to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water,

21 and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

22 who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.



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1. Review verses 8-12. Find as many phrases as you can that describe what a Christian ought to be and do.

What Christians Ought To Be:

- **Be Like-minded (v.8):** Be committed to the unity of Church and Gospel.
- **Be Sympathetic (v.8):** Be understanding of the struggles of others.
- **Be Loving (v.8):** Be one that shows love to everyone without prejudice or partiality.
- **Be Compassionate (v.8):** Be willing to passionately come to the aid those who are hurting.



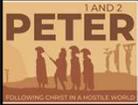
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What Christians Ought To Be:

- **Be Humble (v. 8):** Be a person that sees themselves and others as God sees us.

“Therefore, be imitators of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us...”
Eph. 5:1 – 2 (NKJV)



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What Christians Ought To Do:

- **Do Not Repay Evil (v.9):** Do not give those who do or say evil what “they may deserve”.
- **Do Give Blessings For Evil (v.9):** Do good to those who do evil to you.
- **Do Not Speak Lies/Evil (v.10):** Do speak the truth of God’s Word in love to others.
- **Do Good Not Evil (v.11):** Do the right thing, despite the cost or what the World around us is doing.



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What Christians Ought To Do:

- **Do Seek And Pursue Peace (v.11):** Do The things the promote peace and not strife.

Note: Peter lets us know that when we be like and do the things of Christ – God will hear our prayers and bless us.



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2. What counsel does Peter offer for coping with suffering (vv. 13-17)?

- **Remember Spiritual Compensation:** We reap what we sow but even when treated unfairly God be trusted to make things right (vv. 13 – 14).
- **Resolve To Stay In Courage:** Despite our suffering and opposition, we can stand courageously on the Word (v.14).
- **Rely On The Savior's Confidence:** Be Confident in the power and promises of Jesus – willing to share with others (v.15).

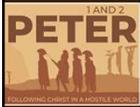


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- **Retain a Spotless Conscience:** Despite what people are doing, continue to do right shaming accuser's (v.16).
- **Rejoice In Suffering For Christ:** Suffering the right way is the will of God and brings glory to Him (v.17).

"...we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope." Rom. 5:3 – 4 (NKJV)

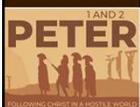


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3. How could setting apart Christ as Lord, as verse 15 commands, help you endure suffering?

- **Perspective Of Suffering:** Putting our focus more on Christ rather on our suffering helps us endure.
- **Preparation In Suffering:** Christ's Word and purpose prepares us to share the Gospel with others
- **Preserves Our Spiritual Walk:** Focusing on Christ helps us to have a good attitude as we share our testimony.

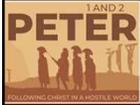
"...let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross..." Heb. 12:2 – 3 (NKJV)



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4. Why might unbelievers be willing to listen to reasons for hope from a person who is living the way Peter describes (vv. 15-17)?

- **Reality Of Hope:** We are real about the trials and struggle even though we are Christians.
- **Practicality Of Hope:** Showing that God is concerned about the everyday trials of life everyone faces.
- **Dependability In Hope:** Having a gentle respectful attitude despite our struggles.
- **Spirituality of Hope:** As we respond to physical suffering differently, people are opens to receive spiritual hope in Jesus.



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5. What can you know from v. 18 about why Jesus came and what he accomplished?

- **Suffer For Our Sins:** Jesus Suffered – Shedding His Blood So We Would Be Forgiven and Free From All Guilt And Shame.
- **Save Us From Our Sins:** Jesus Suffered To Make Us Right With God – Taking The Punishment We Deserve.
- **Sanctify Us In The Spirit:** Jesus died that We would be filled with His Spirit – making us the Sons and daughters of God.

“God, ...chose to bring many children into glory. And it was only right that he should make Jesus, through his suffering, a perfect leader, fit to bring them into their salvation.” Heb. 2:10 (NLT)



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6. What is your best explanation of its meaning of vv. 19-20?

Bible Scholars Pose Many Possible Interpretations:

1. Jesus preached to those who died prior to his coming to earth, thus giving them an opportunity to hear, repent and believe.
2. Jesus preached to the fallen angels who had joined Satan's side. He announced his victory over them—and his triumph over death.
3. Jesus, in the days of Noah preached in Spirit by Noah to the spirits then in prison of sin – saving Noah and his family.

Note: The best interpretation is that Christ after His resurrect preached His victory of sin, Satan and death and His Gospel will free us from our prison of sin and suffering,



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7. Why are Christians baptized (see vv. 21-22)?

Points About Water Baptism:

- **Proper Meaning:** Water Baptism does not save but is symbolic of Jesus' His saving work in the life of a Believer.
- **Proper Member:** Only those who are able and have already made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ.
- **Proper Method:** Baptism by immersion in water is considered the Biblical method that all churches should follow.

“Christian baptism is the immersion in water of a believer, into the name of the Father, Son and Spirit, [an] emblem, of our faith in the crucified, buried, and risen Savior” Baptist Articles of Faith XIV



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7. Why are Christians baptized (see vv. 21-22)?

Why Are Christians Baptized?

- **Obedience**: Baptism does not save. Christians submit to this Ordinance in obedience to Jesus' commands (Matthew 28:19 – 20).
- **Evidence**: As A Public Testimony Faith In Christ – signaling their commitment to the local church (Acts 2:41).
- **Confidence**: To declare the reality of all our sins have been forgiven – empowering us to live a new life in Christ (Rom. 6:4)

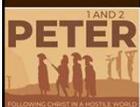


Note: "For Baptists, the church is the community of the baptized. Baptism, therefore, holds a central place in the church." ~ A Baptist Manual of Polity and Practice N. H. Maring

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8. In the context of these sufferings, how can the picture of Christ portrayed by this passage bring you hope?

- Suffering can enable you to comfort others in their time of suffering (II Cor. 1:3-4).
- Suffering teaches us to persevere in order for us to mature in Christ (James 1:2-4).
- Suffering demonstrates the quality of our faith (1 Peter 1:7).
- Suffering helps to fulfill God's purpose in our lives (Romans 8:28)



"after you have suffered a little while, [God] will Himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast." I Pet 5:10 (NKJV)

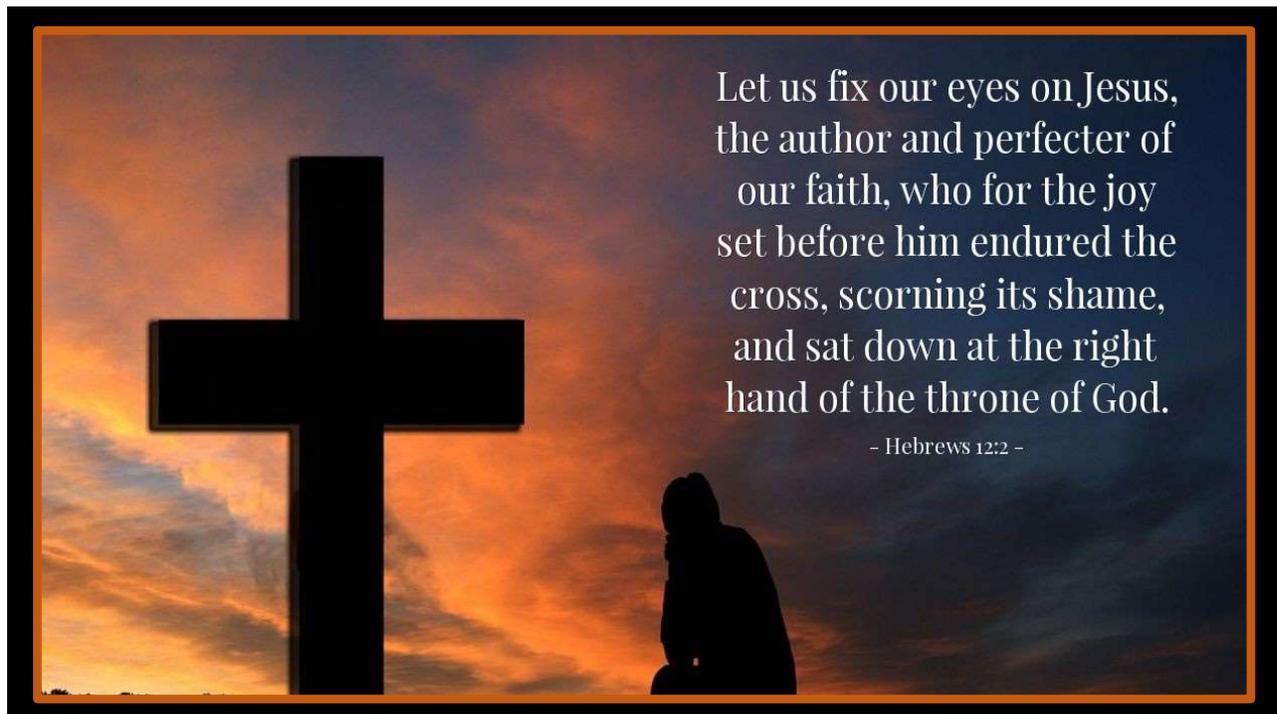
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Keys For Living

- When we face suffering and hardship, it doesn't mean that we are not loved or that God is punishing us. God's Love is greater than our suffering.
- While Water Baptism does not save a person, it is symbolic of the salvation and regeneration experienced through faith in Christ.
- Reflecting on the Lordship, Suffering, and Unconditional Love of Jesus will always encourage us during our times of trial or hardship.



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