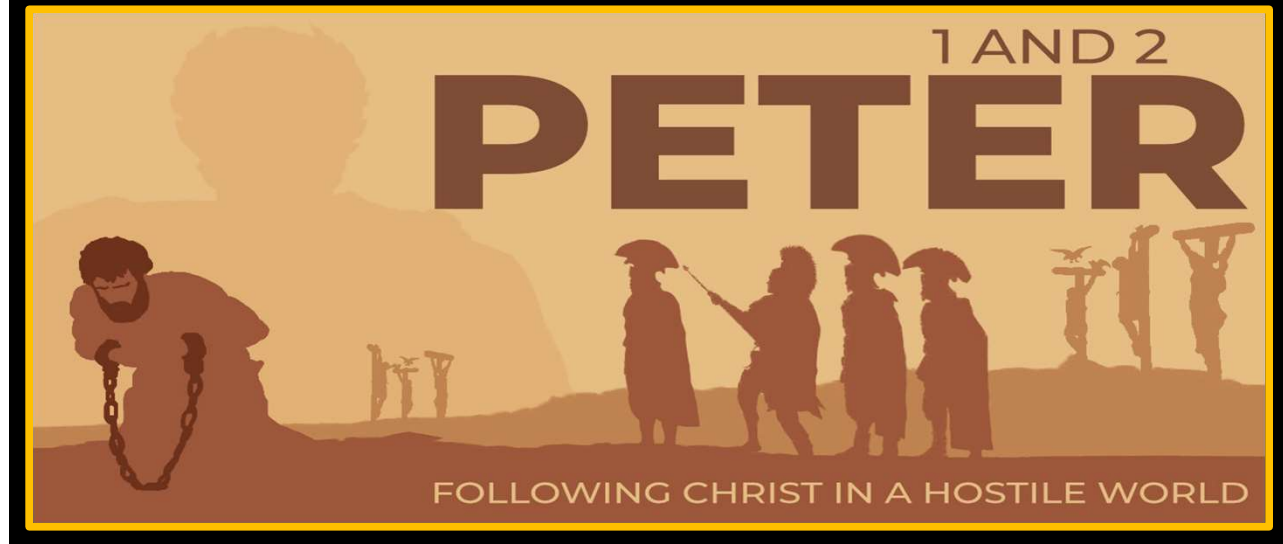


SRMBC FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

Online Only Via Facebook Live Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm



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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 23, 2022

I & II Peter: Following Christ In A Hostile World

Lesson 7:

TLC For Trying Times

I Peter 5



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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.

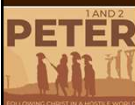
Purpose of Writing: To encourage the dispersed believers to endure suffering in an obedient, victorious life.

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 5

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1. What various relationships so you see in this chapter?

- **Elders/Pastor and other Elder/Pastor (v.1a)**: Peter although an Apostle – sees himself as equal to other Elders.
- **Pastors and the Flock of God (vv. 2 – 3)**: Pastors are to be in relationship as “fellow sheep”
- **Pastors/Shepherds to the Great Shepherd (v.4)**: Pastor’s care under the supervision of the Jesus – the Great Shepherd.
- **Younger and Elders (v. 5a)**: The youth in humility and respect to the Elders/older members of the Church.



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1. What various relationships so you see in this chapter?

- **Church Members with Each other:** We are to be humble and gracious to one another (v.5b).
- **Christians and God:** In humility we can cast our cares on him and find strength in our struggles (v. 5b – 7, 10 - 11).
- **Christians and Satan:** Satan is our adversary – regardless of how he sounds-threatening/comforting (vv. 8 – 9):
- **Christians and believers around the world:** Our trials are faced by Christians everywhere (vv. 9b, 12 – 13).

“For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people...while we wait for the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ” Titus 2:11 – 14 (NKJV)



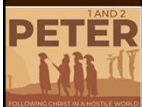
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2. Peter speaks in v.1 to his fellow elders. In what ways did Peter see himself as like the elders he was writing to?

- **Shared Experience:** They shared the same salvation in Christ and the same sufferings for Christ.
- **Shared Employment:** They have the same Pastoral/Servant’s work – regardless of place or position.
- **Shared Examples:** We have to set the same examples we are charging our flock to follow.
- **Shared Expectation:** We have the same expectation of glory and crown at the return of Christ.

“Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness,..., and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.”

II Tim 4:8 (NKJV)



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3. What different beings or groups must Christians ordinarily respond to (vv. 5 – 11)?

Beings

- **Our Advocate - God:** He who is great in power over us, with love and compassion toward us.
- **Our Adversary – Satan:** Our enemy, who hates God and so he also hates His children as well.

Groups

- **Local Family of God:** We respond to our spiritual leaders, those younger an elder, and one another.
- **Universal Family of God:** We are to be concerned for and seeking to assist believers around the world.

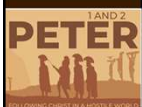


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4. What instructions does Peter give in verses 5 – 9?

- **Submit In Humility:** Humbly submit to leaders, elders one another – but most importantly to God.
- **Resist The Enemy:** Be alert to the wiles of Devil – not letting him run roughshod over us individually or collectively.
- **Commit In Unity:** Stay true to the faith and mission – with others who are facing struggles as well.

“be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.” 1 Cor. 15:57-58 (NKJV)



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5. What reasons does Peter give for following these commands?

- **Submit In Humility:** “because, God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.” (v.5)
- **Resist The Enemy:** “Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.” (vv.8 – 9a)
- **Commit In Unity:** “because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.” (v. 9b)

“Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey... do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go.” Joshua 1:7 (NKJV)



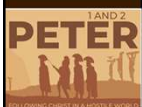
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6.. What joy, comfort or warning in Peter’s instructions stand out (vv. 5 – 11)?

Joy & Comfort:

- **God’s Many People:** We are not in this alone – the church is there to lift one another up.
- **God’s Mighty Hand:** God has the power to lift us, strengthen us as we humble ourselves before Him.
- **God’s Manifold Blessings:** God has favor and grace for this life and glorious rewards in the next.

“...Do not sorrow, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.” Neh. 8:10 (NKJV)



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6.. What joy, comfort or warning in Peter's instructions stand out (vv. 5 – 11)?

Warnings:

- **God's Obstruction:** God himself will actually oppose us when we are proud, acting like we are God.
- **God's Opposition:** We need be on guard against Satan in all of his tricks and various forms.

"Therefore, keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour. Matt. 25: 11 – 13 (NKJV)

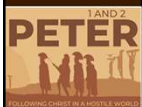


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7. Peter points out three forces on our lives: other Christians, Satan and God Himself. Summarize an appropriate response to each?

- **Christians:** We should respond to one another with support, unity, humility, prayer and Christlike love.
- **Satan:** Keep alert for Satan's attacks and resist his temptations to sin and disobey the Lord.
- **God:** Walk in Humble Obedience – trusting in His care and power to guide and strengthen us.

"I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one... that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You" John 17:15, 20 – 21 (NKJV)



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8. How could Peter's teaching help you "stand fast" in faith?

- **By Knowing Upon What (Or Whom) We Are Standing:** Jesus Christ and His Gospel.
- **By Knowing Who We Stand Against:** The Devil And His Lies.
- **By Knowing Who Stands With Us:** The Church And Its Leaders.
- **By Knowing Who Stands In & For Us:** The Omnipresent, Omniscient, Omnipotent God.

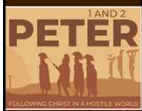
"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." Eph. 6:10, 13 (NKJV)



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Keys For Living

- The Church is built on relationships. First, our relationship God through faith in Christ and then relationships with one another.
- When we humbly depend on God's power we can successfully contend with Satan as the Lord lifts us up.
- In the midst of our greatest suffering, God does not and will not desert us. In due season, we can be confident in His strength toward us.



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