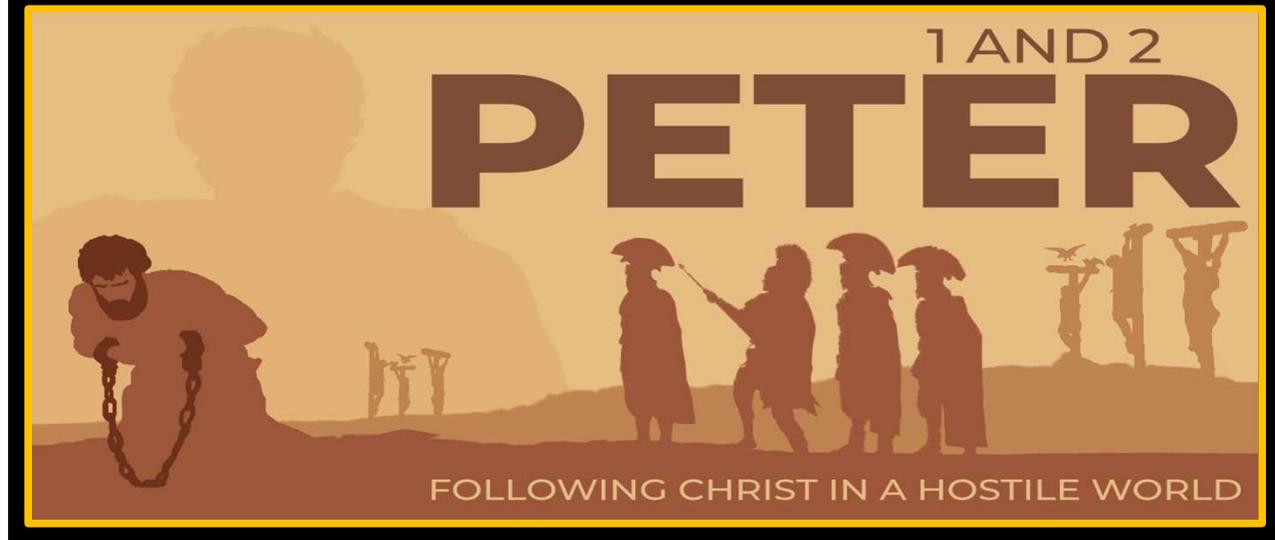


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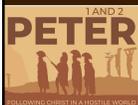
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## Bible Study Schedule Jan – Feb 2022

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 – January 12, 2022

### I & II Peter:

### Following Christ In A Hostile World

#### Lesson 1:

### Strangers In the World

#### I Peter 1:1 – 12



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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.

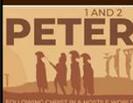
**Purpose of Writing:** To encourage the dispersed believers to endure suffering in an obedient, victorious life.

#### 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 1:1 – 12

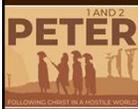
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## I Peter 1:1– 3 (NKJV)

**1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,**

**2 elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.**

**3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,**



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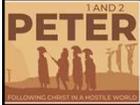
**1 Peter 4:5 - 7(NKJV)**

**4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,**

**5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.**

**6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials,**

**7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,**



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**1 Peter 1:8 – 11 (NKJV)**

**8 whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,**

**9 receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.**

**10 Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you,**

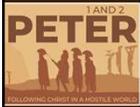
**11 searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.**



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## 1 Peter 1:12 (NKJV)

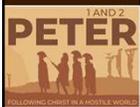
12 To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into.



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## 1. How does his description of them help explain why they were “strangers in the world” (vv. 1-2)?

- **Pilgrims:** People from another home, knowing that they are only passing through to return again.
- **Elect...of God The Father:** Specifically, and Eternally chosen by God from His heavenly Home.
- **Sanctified In the Spirit:** Set apart by the Spirit – looking, acting, speaking differently – Like Jesus instead of the world.
- **Obedience:** Different values set and determined by obedience to the Word of God.
- **Sprinkled By Jesus’ Blood:** Walking in joy, peace, fulfillment of the assurance of forgiveness of sins and peace with God.



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2. How does Peter's introduction help you appreciate the 3 persons of God?

- **Calling By God The Father:** The Father by His love and grace called me out of the dark sinful world to salvation and to Himself.
- **Filling & Leading By God The Spirit:** The Spirit lives in me, changing and teaching me to live and love like Jesus.
- **Keeping By Jesus – God The Son:** When I fail and come short, Jesus' keeps me in righteousness and peace with God



*Note: The term "Son of Man" emphasizes his humanity and also his authority - connected to the authoritative figure in Daniel 7:13-14*

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3. Peter says that God has given his people "new birth." What does he say grows out of that new birth (vv. 3-5)?

- **A Living Hope: In Jesus:** A living hope of abundant life today and even eternal life – even after death.
- **Eternal & Heavenly Inheritance:** Heavenly rewards and blessings cannot be taken by this world or the devil.
- **God's Keeping Power:** The Spirit's is available us to keep us holy and empower us to do great works for the Lord.
- **Future Salvation:** We have been saved, we are being saved, and be saved in the presence of Jesus.



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4. What information in this paragraph might help you through the suffering (vv. 3-9)?

- **Help By God's Perspective:** Through the worst of suffering (even death) there is hope in the resurrection (v.3).
- **Help By God's Promises:** We have heavenly rewards that far outweigh any earthly suffering (v.4).
- **Help By God's Power:** The Spirit's power encourages and enables us to go through suffering (v.5).
- **Help By God's Purpose:** God allows trials to strengthen us (and others) in our walk with him (v. 6 – 7).



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4. What information in this paragraph might help you through the suffering (vv. 3-9)?

- **Help By God's Praise:** Our right response to suffering brings praise and glory to God (v. 7)
- **Help By God's Person:** We can look forward to seeing Jesus Our Savior the who saved us and whom we love (vv. 8 -9).

*"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." Rom. 8:18 (NKJV)*

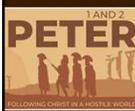


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5. What did Peter believe to be true of genuine faith (vv. 7 – 9)?

- **Precious In Christ:** Believers who have real faith are precious to God, to the church and others.
- **Perseveres In Christ:** Faith may falter – but it does not give up, even in the worst trouble.
- **Praises Christ:** Does everything with the motivation of pleasing and obeying Jesus Christ.
- **Pursues Christ:** Faith looks to forward to receiving rewards from Jesus their Lord and Savior.

*"...let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith..." Heb. 12:1 – 2 (NKJV)*



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6. What questions do you think people today have to cope with because they have not personally seen Jesus?

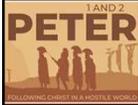
**Questions Without Jesus:**

**Q.** If God is so good why, is there so much evil?

**A.** *“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”; 16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

**Q.** How can a good God punish people by sending them to hell?

**A.** *“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord”*



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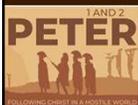
**Q.** I am basically a “good person”, won’t God accept me in heaven?

**A.** *“There is none righteous, no, not one...” But now the righteousness of God...is revealed, being ...through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe.*

**Q.** If I believe in a “god” so I am ok, right?

**A.** *“Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”*

*“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus” 1 Tim. 2:5 (KJV)*



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7. By what different routes did news of salvation come to the readers of Peter's letter (vv. 10-12)?

- **OT Prophecy:** All that God has done through the OT Jews has prepared and prophesied the coming salvation via Jesus.
- **Spirit Guidance:** The OT Prophets were moved by the Spirit to proclaim about a Saviour and salvation hoped for but not seen.
- **The Savior's Work:** Jesus did the God's promised work on the Cross – which many in that day saw or heard.
- **The Disciples Witness:** Peter, one of the 12 witnessed Jesus' ministry, miracles, death and glorious resurrection.



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7. By what different routes did news of salvation come to the readers of Peter's letter (vv. 10-12)?

- **The Gospel Preached:** The heavenly message of the Gospel preached by ordinary people – empowered by the Spirit.

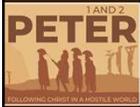
*“God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son...” Heb 1:1 – 2 (NKJV)*



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## 8. In what ways are Christians special—even when compared to Old Testament prophets and angels?

- **Greater Prophetic & Scriptural Fulfilment:** Christians are walking in the fulfilment of what the OT prophets only hoped for.
- **Greater Privilege & Testament:** The complete revelation of God's salvation and Covenant—in the Blood of Christ.
- **Greater Personal & Spiritual Involvement:** Angels in heaven don't have the personal experience of being saved by God's grace to salvation that we have.



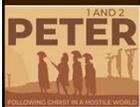
*"...the ministry Jesus has received ... is superior to the old one, since the new covenant is established on better promises." Heb 8:6 (NIV)*

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## 9. How does God's gift of salvation help you cope with these tensions between Believers and the World?

### Points To Ponder

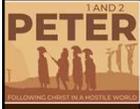
- On the positive side, Jesus offers the powerful example of being known as a friend of sinners. (Luke 7:3)
- Motivates us to pray for wisdom regarding how to best reach which unbelievers.
- Motivates us to be careful not to let the sinful practices of unbelievers cause us to stumble.
- Following Jesus' example, we are called to go and make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19-20).



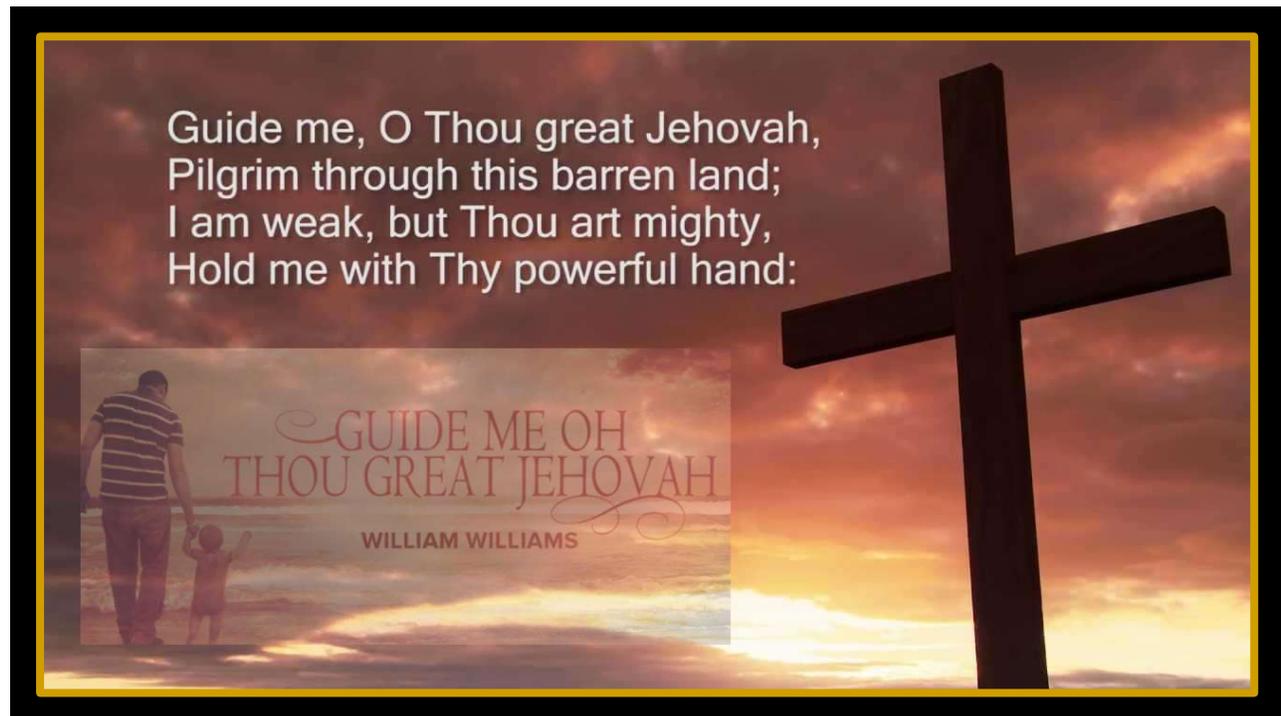
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## Keys For Living

- Understanding that this world is not our home, will help us to keep the issues of this life in their proper perspective.
- The Word of the Father, the saving work of the Son, and the presence of the Spirit makes believers different from the rest of the world.
- Our trials not only refine our faith but push to look forward to the goal realizing our salvation in the presence of Christ.



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