

# 1 Peter Class Schedule



date	passage	title
5/10/2026	All	Intro/Overview
5/17/2026	1 Peter 1:1-2	Salutation
5/24/2026	1 Peter 1:3-5	The hope of our salvation
5/31/2026	1 Peter 1:6-9	The joy of our salvation part 1
6/7/2026	1 Peter 1:6-9	The joy of our salvation part 2
6/14/2026	1 Peter 1:10-12	The witness of our salvation
6/21/2026	1 Peter 1:13-16	A new life of holiness
6/28/2026	1 Peter 1:17-21	A new life of reverence part 1
7/5/2026	1 Peter 1:17-21	A new life of reverence part 2
7/12/2026	1 Peter 1:22-25; 2-1	A new life of love

# 1 Peter Background\*

- Peter sent **this letter** to believers living in the northern regions of Asia Minor (1:1).
- The locations of these Christians as well as allusions in the epistle indicate that they were mainly Gentiles but also Jews (e.g., 1:14; 2:10).
- When this epistle was written, believers were in a time of severe physical persecution.
- Christianity was regarded as a menace in the Roman Empire, and Nero had brought great pressure to bear on all Christians.
- As a result, they were scattered “throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia...” (1:1).

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# Who is Peter? – early years

- John 1:42b Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; **you shall be called Cephias**" (which is translated Peter).
- Matt 4:18 He [Jesus] saw two brothers, Simon who was called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup> And He said to them, "**Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.**"
- Matt 16:15 He [Jesus] said to them, "**But who do you say that I am?**" <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

# Who is Peter? – later years\*

- Peter preached with great power, and 3,000 people were saved in one day (See Acts 2:14–41).
  - 22 Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know—
  - 23 this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.
  - 24 But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.
- Peter spoke to a crippled man who was healed (See Acts 3:1–10).
  - 6 But Peter said, "I do not possess silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene —walk!"
  - 7 And seizing him by the right hand, he raised him up; and immediately his feet and his ankles were strengthened.

# Who is Peter? — later years\*

- He spoke boldly while on trial in front of the Sanhedrin, the same court that had so terrified him before (See Acts 4:1–22).
  - 10 let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by this name this man [who was sick] stands here before you in good health.
- Mighty miracles happened as crowds brought their sick to Peter for healing (See Acts 5:12–16).
- Peter healed a crippled man who began to walk (See Acts 9:32–35).
- Peter prayed for a dead woman, and she came back to life (See Acts 9:36–42).

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# 1 Peter Overview\*

## Salvation

- 1 Peter 1:1-2:10
- His great mercy has caused us to be born again

## Submission

- 1 Peter 2:12-3:12
- Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution

## Suffering

- 1 Peter 3:13-5:11
- For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God

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# Outline of Three Sections of 1 Peter\*

## Salvation

- A. God's Plan of Salvation 1:1-12
- B. The Products of Our Salvation 1:13-25
- C. The Purpose of Our Salvation 2:1-10

## Submission

- A. Submission to the Government 2:11-17
- B. Submission in the Work Place 2:18-25
- C. Submission of Our Savior 2:21-25
- D. Submission in the Family 3:1-7
- E. Six Qualities for All Believers 3:8-12

## Suffering

- A. Suffering for Righteousness 3:13-4:6
- B. The Believer's Suffering with Christ 4:7-19
- C. Suffering in Service 5:1-11

## A. God's Plan of Salvation 1:1-12

# Salvation

1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

1:8 and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, **but believe in Him**, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, <sup>9</sup> obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.

- What attribute of God causes a person to be born again?
- What gives a person hope for the future?
- How can you love a person you have not seen?
- How can you believe in someone you have not seen?

## C. The Purpose of Our Salvation 2:1-10

<sup>1:23</sup> for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God.

<sup>2:1</sup> Therefore, putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander, <sup>2:2</sup> like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation, <sup>2:3</sup> if [since] you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.

- How were you born again according to this verse 23?
- Why is this birth imperishable?
- What are newborn babies like?
- What does **long for** [lit: desire] imply?
- What does the pure milk of the Word mean?
- How can a person grow in his salvation?
- When did you **taste** [experience] the Lord's kindness?

## A. Submission to the Government 2:11-17

## Submission

<sup>13</sup> Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority,

<sup>14</sup> or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right.

<sup>15</sup> For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men.

- Why should you submit yourselves to a human institution?
- Why are governors sent by God?
- Who should praise me when I do what is right?
- What is the main idea about your submission?
- How do I silence foolish men?

## C. Submission of Our Savior 2:21-25

### Submission

<sup>21b</sup> since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,

<sup>22</sup> ~~WHO~~ COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH

<sup>23</sup> and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting *Himself* to Him who judges righteously;

<sup>24</sup> and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

<sup>25</sup> For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

- What should Christ's suffering cause us to do?
- What is Christ's character like?
- What are the results of Christ bearing our sins in His body on the cross?
- What was the purpose of Christ's wounds?

## B. The Believer's Suffering with Christ 4:7-19

### Suffering

<sup>12</sup> Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you;

<sup>13</sup> but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation.

<sup>14</sup> If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

- Why does God allow fiery trials?
- What is the purpose of these fiery trials?
- What are we to do when we share the sufferings of Christ?
- What happens when you are reviled for the name of Christ?

## C. Suffering in Service 5:1-11

### Suffering

<sup>6</sup> Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time,

<sup>7</sup> casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.

How do I humble myself?

How are you exalted?

What does It mean to cast all your anxiety on Him?

How do we know He cares for us?