

## 1 Peter Class Schedule

9/6/2020	1 Peter 5:1-4	The responsibilities of the elders
9/13/2020	1 Peter 5:5-9	A Set of Five Relationships
9/20/2020	1 Peter 5:10-14	Conclusion of 1 Peter
9/27/2020	2 Peter 1:1-4	Introduction & The believer's resources
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10/18/2020	2 Peter 1:15-18	The trustworthiness of the apostles' witness
10/25/2020	2 Peter 1:19-21	The divine origin of Scripture
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## Outline\*

Suffering in Service 5:1-11

1. The Leader of the Body of Local Believers 5:1-4
2. A Set of Five Relationships 5:5-9
  - a. Relationship to the Pastor-Teacher 5:5a
  - b. Relationship to Others 5:5b
  - c. Relationship to God 5:6
  - d. Relationship to Pressure 5:7
  - e. Relationship to Satan 5:8-9
3. The Purpose of Life 5:10a
4. God's Product in Time 5:10b-11
5. Peter's Purpose for Writing 5:12
6. Final Greeting 5:13-14

\* adapted from McCalley<sup>2</sup>

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have suffered - *paschō* – 1, of the "sufferings" of Christ (a) at the hands of men, (b) in His expiatory and vicarious sacrifice for sin 2, of human "suffering" (a) of followers of Christ (b) of others

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suffering of Christ:

- 1 Peter 2:23 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.
- 1 Peter 3:18 For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit.

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suffering of believers:

- Phil 1:29 For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake.
- 1 Peter 3:17 For it is better, if God should will it so, that you suffer for doing what is right rather than for doing what is wrong.
- 1 Peter 4:19 Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right.

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a little while - *oligos* - "little, few" (the opposite of "much");  
spoken of space, amount, or time

- 1 Peter 1:6 In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials.
- Every trial is temporary. This is expressed in the words "for a little while," showing that tests are temporary in 1Peter 1:6.
- The stress is that suffering is limited to this life. McCalley

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the God of all grace

all - pas – all with no exception

It (i.e. grace) expresses the nature of God. He is of all grace. This means the kind of grace that covers every situation. God's grace is comprehensive in coverage.

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- 1 Peter 4:10b --- as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.
- Titus 2:11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men.

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who called you to His eternal glory in Christ

who called you

- every believer in the Lord Jesus Christ has been called
- this is one of the riches of God's grace
- the One who summoned you

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to – eis – with a view to

His eternal glory in Christ

- His eternal glory is in our living union with Christ.
- We will spend eternity in this union as "bride of Christ."

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**Himself** – lit: He himself (the God of all grace)

- the following verbs describe the action that God will do on behalf of every believer
- they are four facets of absolute maturity      McCalley

**1<sup>st</sup> will perfect** - *katartizo* - the basic idea is to fit or join together. It was a medical term for setting a bone; Mark 1:19 used for mending a net.      McCalley

Gal 6:1 Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.

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**2<sup>nd</sup> will confirm** - *starizo* - meaning to make solid or provide a solid foundation

2 Peter 1:12 Therefore, I will always be ready to remind you of these things, even though you already know them, and have been established in the truth which is present with you.

1 Thess 3:13 so that He may establish your hearts without blame in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.

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<sup>3<sup>rd</sup></sup> *will strengthen* - *sthenoo* - meaning to make strong only in 1 Peter 5:10

- far more common with the neg. prefix *a*, not, without, as in *asthenéō* (weak, sick, etc.)
- Mark 14:38 Keep watching and praying that you may not come into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.

<sup>4<sup>th</sup></sup> *will establish*- *themelíoo* - which means to lay a foundation

- Eph 3:17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love

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To Him let there be ascribed this power forever and forever. Amen.

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- Note it was through (dia) Silvanus who was apparently his scribe.
- Paul dictated many of his letters using a scribe. (see 1 Cor. 16:21; Col. 4:18; 2 Thess. 3:17)

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I have written (past point fact) to you

briefly - lit. means "by few." In 1 Pet. 5:12 it signifies by means of few words, "briefly." Vine

exhorting - *parakaleō* - to admonish, exhort, to urge one to encourage you; 2 Cor 10:1a Now I, Paul, myself urge you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ

testifying - *epimartyreōto* – to affirm emphatically, appear as a witness for someone or something; only in 1 Peter

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that this is the true grace of God

What is "this" referring in verse 12?

this = the suffering of believers in 1 Peter

Stand firm in it! - lit: in which you stand

- you stand in God's grace by His doing
- Romans 5:2 through whom (Jesus Christ) also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.

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Throughout his Epistle, the Apostle presents the glory as the answer to the suffering, whatever form that suffering may take.

Chapter 1 the suffering from trials allowed of God will have an answer in glory;

- 1 Peter 1:6 In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials,<sup>7</sup> so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Chapter 2 suffering for conscience' sake carries glory with it.

- 1 Peter 2:19 For this finds favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly. 20 For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God.

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Chapter 4 suffering for the Name of Christ will have its reward in the day of glory.

- 1 Peter 4:13 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. 14 If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

Chapter 5 suffering from the opposition of the devil will only strengthen the saint in view of eternal glory.

- 1 Peter 5:9 But resist him (devil), firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world.

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- "She" probably refers to the church in the town where Peter was when he wrote this letter (cf. 2 John 1, 4).  
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- The kiss of love was intended to express good will, as our handshake.  
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- Summary of 1 Peter:  
There is one single object: God's glory.  
There is a single process: our suffering.  
There is one single product: stability.  
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