

1 PETER - INTRODUCTION - FIRST IN THE SERIES FROM 1 PETER

[I] PETER A DEDICATED SERVANT

Peter is a pillar in the grace of God [Gal2:9] writing to the saints of God

throughout the world. He is continuing to feed the sheep [Christians] that Jesu

commanded him to do in John 21:15-17.

Peter's name appears over 200 times in the New Testament.

He is called the servant of hope [1 Peter 1:3,13,21]

His key word in the book is suffering, which is used 16 times. He saw worldiness

in the pew [2:11] and he saw materialism in the pulpit [5:1-3]

[II] PETER DISCUSSES THE SAVIOUR

1. Peter discusses the **INCARNATION OF CHRIST** [1:20]

2. Peter discusses the **IMAGE OF CHRIST**

A. A spotless lamb [1:19]

HIS REDEEMING POWER

B. The chief cornerstone [2:6]

HIS RELATIONSHIP TO THE SCRIPTURES

C. The precious stone [2:7]

HIS RELATIONSHIP TO THE SAINTS

D. The stumbling stone [2:8]

HIS RELATIONSHIP TO THE SINNER

E. The bishop of our souls [2:25]

HIS RESTITUTION TO OUR SOULS

F. The chief cornerstone [5:4]

HIS REPUTATION FOR OUR SECURITY

3. Peter discusses the **INNOCENCE OF CHRIST** [1:19;2:22]

HE WAS SINLESS IN LIFE

4. Peter discusses the **INJURY OF CHRIST** [1:11;2:23,24;3:18;4:1,13;5:1]

HE SUFFERED and died for us to be saved

5. Peter discusses the **IMMORTALITY OF CHRIST** [3:21,22]

HIS RESURRECTION

6. Peter discusses the **INTERCESSION OF CHRIST** [3:22]

On the right hand of God

7. Peter discusses the **IMMINENT RETURN OF CHRIST**

[1:13; 4:13; 5:4]

[III] PETER DESCRIBES THE SAINTS

We are referred to as.....

1. Obedient Children [1:14] Our Behaviour

2. Newborn Babes [2:2] Our Beverage

3. Lively Stones [2:5] Our Blessing

4. Holy Priesthood [2:5] Our Battle

5. Royal Priesthood [2:9] Our Benefit

6. Holy Nation [2:9] Our Beauty

7. Peculiar People [2:9] Our Business

8. Strangers & Pilgrims [2:11] Our Boundary

9. Christians [4:16] Our Badge

10. The Righteous [4:18] Our Banner

11. The Elect of God [1:2] Our Boast

12. The People of God [2:10] Our Boldness

13. The Oracles of God [4:11] Our Book

14. The Flock of God [5:2] Our Banquet

**1 PETER SERIES THE DETAILS OF SALVATION
FIRST THE BASE OF SALVATION 1:2**

The entire trinity is seen in salvation.

[I] THE SOVEREIGN ELECTED US "God the Father"

The miracle of salvation by faith through grace all began with God.

This took place in the deep counsels of eternity.

The human race knew nothing about this until it was revealed in the word of God

God's election was not based on anything that man had done, because man had not been created then.

The Father's election does not close the door of salvation to any sinner. [John 3:16]

We are unable to explain the Father's election.

[Romans 11:33-36] but we can rejoice in it.

God's election is based upon his foreknowledge He works on what he foreknew. We work on after knowledge. We don't know anything until it has happened.

The Father's foreknowledge does away with any other way we want to be saved. He knows when people are coming by the way of salvation.

His foreknowledge does not do away with the will of man [Romans 10:13 Rev 22:17]

These verses reveal man's responsibility.

Also see John 6:37

"all that the Father gives me" = God's election

"and he that comes to me" = man's free will

[II] THE SPIRIT SANCTIFIED US -

'through sanctification of the Spirit'

The word sanctified means set apart. The sinner has to be set apart from the world; and hear the word of God. { several means } This is done through the power of the Holy Spirit.

[John 16:9-11] We note the three fold work of the Holy Spirit toward the sinner....

1. HE CONVICTS THE SINNER OF UNBELIEF

John 16:9 1 Cor 15:3-4

**2. HE CONVICTS THE SINNER OF THE
RIGHTEOUSNESS OF JESUS CHRIST 16:10**

1 Cor 1:30

**3. HE CONVICTS THE SINNER OF THE
JUDGMENT TO COME 16:11**

Romans 6:23

**[III] THE SON REDEEMS US 'the sprinkling of
the blood of Jesus Christ' Col 1:14**

Romans 3:24

SPRINKLING OF THE BLOOD REVEALS

1. The cleansing power of the blood

Lev 14:1-7 Rev 1:5

2. The covenant pictured in the blood

Ex 12:13 Heb 9:22

**3. The communion proclaimed through the
blood.. Ex 29:20-22 Heb 10:19-22**

THE SUPPLY AWARDED US -"grace....."

'grace' the favour of God...source of every blessing.....origin of our salvation..

'peace' peace of heart produced by the Holy Spirit in the heart of believers.

**1 PETER SERIES # 2 THE DETAILS OF SALVATION
THE BLESSINGS OF SALVATION 1:3-5
The blessings in salvation give us:**

[I] A LIVING HOPE ... 1:3

'begotten us again unto a lively hope'

Peter mentions three living things in his letter

1. Living hope [1:3]

2. Living word [1:23]

3. Living stone [2:4]

This hope comes to us through....

1. The mercy of God

2. The miracle of God...'the resurrection'

There are three things this hope does for the Christian...

1. Gives assurance [1 Cor 15:19]

2. Gives abundance [John 10:10]

3. Makes not ashamed [Rom 5:5]

[II] A LASTING HOME... 1:4

This home is....

1. Perfect - Incorruptible - this means nothing can ruin it. Our home will never decay - 1 Cor 15:51-57

**2. Pure - undefiled - this means it cannot be stained / cheapened
Rev 21:27**

**3. Permanent - fades not away - means not able to wither as a flower would
1:24**

**4. Promised - reserved in heaven for us
God is guarding our inheritance**

[III] A LOVELY HELP 1:5

**1. The guard - kept by the power of God implies action constantly going on means to guard or protect
the guard is never changed Mal 3:6**

2. The guarantee - through faith to

**salvation - faith is a gift from God
Its not us But HIM that saves us
Its not us But HIM that keeps us
3. The goal - to be revealed in the last time...
Phil 1:6**

1 PETER # 3 THE DETAILS OF SALVATION

THE BATTLES IN SALVATION 1:6-9

"wherein ye greatly rejoice" refer to being saved, kept by the power of God, and having a place reserved in Heaven. Don't get block in by trials, troubles etc but focus on 'truth'

The First Battle in Salvation is:

[I] THE BATTLE WITH PREPARATION [1:6]

In this preparation for the life of service; Some of God's tools and textbooks are trials - and etc..

We learn that trials are:

1. Necessary - 'if need be'

God knows when we need trials: Sometimes to;

A. Discipline us B. Direct us

2. Numerous - ' manifold temptations' Manifold means many colored, dark days. Overcoming one is not overcoming all. They are all different.

3. Not Easy - 'ye are in heaviness' Notice not in Heaven yet - but in heaviness. We must face difficult times over and over again....

4. Not Everlasting - 'for a season' - God sees us. God knows when to bring us through.. Mal 3:3

[II] THE BATTLE OF REALIZATION [1:7]

Phil 1:12 We need to realize:.....

1. The Preciousness of trials...'being more precious than" This is how we learn the true value of faith and blessing...The anchor holds in storms.

2. The Purpose of trials.. 'might be found.....'

A. Praise - refers to the commendation of the Lord. What will HE say to us? Well Done? OR??

B. Honor - The bestowment of rewards. We want these

What will be our rewards?

C. Glory - That which follows praise and honor

The expressions of worship..from heaven's ranks.

[III] THE BATTLE WITH DEDICATION [1:8-9]

Dedication is not allowing Satan to get the goods on us and show us up.. In our dedication we need....

1. A Practical love for Christ - 'whom having not seen yet love' We should love Him enough to live for Him Faint and Feeble love for Him is not Christlike!

2. A Praising life for Christ - 'ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory'

Joy follows faith - Joy erupts into Praise

3. A Preferrable likeness of Christ - 'receiving the end of your faith' Our preference will be that we become more like Him every day PHIL 1:21..

**1 PETER # 4 THE DETAILS OF SALVATION
THE BIBLE PROPHETS OF SALVATION [1:10-12]
Salvation was prophesied throughout the Old
Testament**

in types, shadows and pictures. Heb 2:3 therefore states "so great a salvation"

[I] NOTICE THE PROPHETS SEARCHING

They searched and inquired diligently. Salvation is no modern invention. Salvation was always in HIS plan.

We should be challenged to search the scriptures also.

There were some things they didn't understand.

[II] NOTICE THE PROPHETS SUBJECT

1. They preached the 'grace' that was to come
 2. They preached the 'sufferings' of Christ
 3. They preached the 'glory' of Christ
- Salvation - Suffering - Death - Burial and Resurrection. From the cradle to cross
They preached in the Spirit of God..

[III] NOTICE THE PARTICULAR SPECTATORS

Which things the angels desire to look into!

"Desire" is a word which means - to look into with the body bent down - with the head bowed forward.

To look carefully into. This is how the angels peer into the mystery of salvation.

This is how the disciple peered into the empty tomb on 'resurrection' day.

1. Look for ILLUMINATION - Clear Understanding
A. Conviction B. Conversion
2. Look to IDENTIFICATION - Relationship
A. Commitment B. Compassion
3. Look at IMITATION - To be Christ-Like
A. Deliverance B. Dedication
C. Determination

**1 PETER # 5 THE DETAILS OF SALVATION
THE BALANCE OF SALVATION [1:13-17]
We should be redeeming the time Col 4:5 / Eph 5:16
How can we do this?**

[I] BY WAITING IN HOPE [1:13]

Waiting in Hope brings us to...

1. Right Thinking - Prov 27:7 Our thinking has an affect upon our complete being.
2. Right Tactics - Habits - Attitude is affected by our thinking and our attitude affects our actions... Behaviour follows Beliefs.
3. Right Truth - This is our beliefs

[II] BY WALKING IN HOLINESS [1:14-16]

Walking in holiness makes a christian have...

1. A Display of Obedience [1:14] 1 John 2:16
He will not live after the lust of the flesh
2. A Designated Orator [1:15] Col 4:6
He is a capable speaker - not a novice -
Seasoned Speaker - Titus 2:8
3. A Desire Option [1:16]

The choice is ours - "Be ye holy"

This will be our desire - determination - delight

[III] BY WATCHING OUR HARVEST [1:17]

We are not permanent residents - temporary

We will give an account to God? God does not evaluate

us by our wealth - culture - social position -
education - background or looks

How do we 'watch' our harvest?

1. By Prayer
2. By Preparation
3. By Participation

We must be involved in God's work - His way and in accordance to His Word..

1 PETER # 6 THE DETAILS OF SALVATION

THE BANNER OF SALVATION [1:18-21]

The banner of salvation is the precious blood of Jesus Christ. Peter says something about the banner of the Christian.
He wants us to notice the.....

[I] CAUTION 1:18

Make sure it is the blood of Christ you have trusted for the remission of sin, and not your gold or silver - It is not your works
Eph 2:8-9

[II] COST 1:19

Remember the cost of salvation John 3:16
Luke 22:20

[III] COUNCIL 1:20

The blood of Christ was foreordained to be shed before the foundation of the world
Rev 13:8 The O T is filled with shadows

[IV] CONFIDENCE 1:21

The resurrection of Christ is our confidence
Our confidence comes about through

1. Personal Conviction by the Holy Spirit
2. Private Conversion by trust in Christ
3. Practical Commitment to the cause of Christ

Details of Salvation

The Birth of Salvation 1:22-25

John 3:3 We are birthed into salvation by the word of God.

In the birth of salvation we see:

[I] PURIFICATION 1:22

We are purified by obeying the truth.

John 15:3

1. Hearing that word of truth
2. Heeding the word of truth
3. Holding the word of truth
{ clinging to - Holding fast }

[II] POWER 1:23

The incorruptible word of God.

The power of God unto salvation.

Romans 1:16

Our New Birth is incorruptible

Peter describes three incorruptible things

1. Inheritance 1:4
2. Redemption 1:18-19
3. Word 1:23

[III] PROMISE 1:24-25

Endureth forever - The natural withers and fades - Spiritual lives forever.

This is the gospel promise John 11:26

Jesus saw no corruption Psalm 16:10

1 Cor 15:53 John 14:19

**Chapter 1 - THE DETAILS OF SALVATION /
Now Ch 2 - THE DUTIES OF SAINTS 2:1-25
DUTIES CONCERNING THE SCRIPTURES 1-3**

**Birth by the word of God brings duties
to that word of God - Some hinderances..
Our attitude controls our appetite for..**

Hinderances

- 1. Malice - Any kind of wickedness**
- 2. Guile - To catch with bait - craftiness**
- 3. Hyprocrisies - Pretense - mask - actor**
- 4. Envies - Jealously**
- 5. Evil speaking - slander - gossip**

**[I] A DESCRIPTION 2:2 Newborn babes
Desire for God's word - Duty to God's word**

[II] A DESIRE 2:2

The pure - unmixed word of God / We should

- 1. Prefer the word of God Ps 119:161**
- 2. Praise the word of God 119:162**
- 3. Protect the word of God 119:163**
- 4. have Peace from the word 119:165**
- 5. Practice the word of God 119:166**

**[III] A DEVELOPMENT grow 2:2
2 Peter 3:18 Eph 4:15**

**[IV] A DELIGHT 2:3
Ps 34:8**

**DUTIES OF SAINTS / DUTIES CONCERNING THE
SAVIOUR**

**1 PETER 2:4-8 Our Duty to our Saviour should be to
[I] RECEIVE HIS PERSON 'to whom coming' 2:4**

1. His character - 'living stone'

Heb 7:25 / John 14:9

2. Their conclusion - 'disallowed of men'

[II] REVEAL HIS POWER 'as lively stones' 2:5

1. Dedication to be seen 'spiritual house'

Matt 5:16

2. A donor to serve 'spiritual sacrifices'

Rom 12:1-2

[III] REJOICE AT HIS PROMISE 'he that.....

.....not be confounded' 2:6

We shall never be ashamed of Christ

Because of

**1. The scriptures 'contained in them'
promises to the christian**

2. The saviour 'chief cornerstone'

**a. Mary laid Him in a manger
for a bed Luke 2:7**

**b. Man laid Him in a tomb
for His burial Luke 23:53**

**c. The Master laid Him in Zion
for a blessing 1 Pet 2:6**

[IV] REALIZING HIS PRECIOUSNESS 2:7

'He is precious' because

1. He saved us Rom 10:9-10

2. He sealed us Eph 4:30

3. He sustain us Phil 4:19

4. He will snatch us 1 Thess 4:17

[V] RESPONSIBILITY OF PROCLAIMING 2:8

'them who stumble at the Word'

Our proclamation should cause

1. Problems to the sinner

'stone of stumbling' conviction

2. Peace to the saint comfort

DUTIES OF SAINTS / DUTIES CONCERNING THE SERVICE

TEXT: 1 Peter 2:9-12 - This tells us what the Church's purpose is in this world. Note the church's

[I] POSITION IN THE WORLD 2:9

1. Chosen Generation - 'the grace of God'

We are the trophies of God's grace

2. Holy Nation - 'the group of God'

We are not of this world system

3. Royal Priesthood - 'the go between of God'

We are the people that stand between Heb 12:14

4. Peculiar People - 'the glitter of God'

We are examples in this world

1 Tim 4:12 - Titus 2:14

[II] PERSUASION IN THE WORLD 2:10

This persuasion upon the world is seen in our

1. Past - 'were not a people'

What we were before we were saved can persuade the world that Christ is real - 1 Cor 6:9-11

2. Present - 'but we are now the people of God'

Our present life now in this world is to....

A. Shew forth praises 2:9

Praise has to do with virtues or excellencies

B. Shine forth pardon 2:10

[III] PERFORMANCE IN THE WORLD 2:11-12

Not 'acting' performance - but accomplishment

1. We perform with a negative life

'abstain from fleshly lusts' - WHY? It fights

A. Against reason - Defying it

B. Against memory - Deadening it

C. Against hope - Darkening it

D. Against imagination - Degrading it

E. Against conscience - Dishonoring it

F. Against affections - Defering them

2. We perform with a positive life - 'having'

Positive in conversation and conduct

A. Our conversation must be honest in the world

B. Our conduct must be humble in the world

C. Our cause must be helpful in the world

DUTIES OF SAINTS / Duties Concerning Submission

1 Peter 2:13-25 As saints of God, we are to be in submission to God - James 4:7

Our duty in submission therefore involves....

[I] SUBMITTING AS GOOD STEWARDS 2:13-17

A statesman is wise and skillful in government business. We are not restricted from being interested and becoming involved in political affairs. We simply need to learn that it is for...

1. The Lord's sake 2:13

We should try to get the right people in office

2. The lawless sake 2:14

So that evildoers will be punished for crime

Col 3:25 Gen 9:6

3. The lost's sake 2:15

For their sake - Right must prevail

4. The land's sake 2:16-17

To make our world a better place

[II] SUBMITTING AS GOOD STEWARDS 2:18-20

We must be honest in our dealings

1. Our subjection is with fear 2:18

There is the fear of reverence then

There is the fear of recompense and also

The fear of requirements made from God

2. Our subjection is without favor 2:18

Some employers are good and gentle

Some are grouchy and greedy

3. Our subjection is with forbearance 2:19

4. Our subjection will be fruitful 2:20

[III] SUBMITTING TO SUFFERING 2:21-25

Note what is accomplished through HIS suffering

And remember we are to be Christlike in ALL

1. Christ suffered for us 2:21

A. He is our example - leaving us an example

B. He is our encourager - follow in His steps

2. Christ suffered having no fault 2:22

3. Christ suffered without a fight 2:23

Isa 53

4. Christ suffered without fear 2:24

5. Christ's suffering secures the lost 2:25

1 Peter Chapter # 3 DIRECTIONS FOR SUCCESS

1 - SUCCESS IN THE HOME 3:1-7

God established the HOME Gen 2:21-25

Here in 1 Peter we have the direction for the Home.

[I] THE DUTY OF THE WIFE 3:1-6 TO BE

1. Committed - This involves.....

A. A promise 3:1-2

B. A practice 3:3-4

C. A prescription 3:5-6

D. A problem - When there is no true commitment

[II] THE DUTY OF THE HUSBAND 3:7 - TO BE

1. Considerate - Eph 5:25

Consideration as to...

A. His responsibility - 'dwell with them'

Involves more than being in the same house

B. Reverence - Respect - 'according to knowledge'

Ephesians 5:29

C. Requirements - 'giving honor to the wife'

D. Religion - 'prayers be not hindered'

Fulfilling our duties indicates Following His direction

DIRECTIONS FOR SUCCESS - 3:1-22

- 1. Success in the home 3:1-7 Now**
- 2. Success in Happiness 3:8-14**

What is Happiness? Possibly it is..

- 1. Loving Life 3:10**
- 2. Seeing good days 3:10**
- 3. Inheriting blessings 3:9**

Directions for a happy life....

[!] HAPPINESS IN THE SOCIAL LIFE 3:8-13

How do we find this?

- 1. By having great compassion 3:8**
Romans 12:15 Great compassion reveals
 - A. A single mind - one mind**
 - B. A saturated mood - love as brethren**
 - C. A sensitive motive - be pitiful**
 - D. A sweet manner - be courteous**
- 2. By having a good conduct 3:9**

Having a good conduct indicates that our

- A. Actions are right - not rendering evil**
- B. Attitude reaction - not railing**
- C. Administering respect -**
- D. Absorb rewards**

- 3. By having a good conversation 3:10**

By maintaining a

- A. Goal in life**
- B. Guard on our life - refrain his tongue**

- 4. By having a good commitment 3:11**

Four things to commit to

- A. Abhor sin - eschew evil**
- B. Adopting self control - do good**
- C. Accepting stability - seek peace**
- D. Advancing skillfully - ensue it**

- 5. By having a good consolation 3:12**

Our consolation is

- A. Contentment - his eyes are over us**
- B. Communication - ears are open**
- C. Conquest - face is against**

- 6. By having good composure 3:13**

Calmness comes to us - note a

- A. Promise - who is he that can harm us**
 - B. Procedure - follow that which is good**
- AND THEN RECEIVE GOD'S BLESSINGS!**

DIRECTIONS FOR SUCCESS 3:1-22

SUCCESS IN SUFFERING 3:14-18

We know that Christians will suffer 2 Tim 3:12

Romans 8:18 - Sufferings in this present life.

How can anyone be successful in suffering?

1. Having a good cause for suffering 3:14

We should be willing to suffer for

A. Well doing - for righteousness sake

Happiness can be found in this

2. Having a good conviction for suffering 3:15

Without conviction - no true success

Two convictions we truly need..

a. Having adoration - Hold God 'holy'

b. Having an answer - be ready....

3. Having a good conscience in suffering 3:16

If we are not living right - guilty conscience

We must be honest in our....

a. Dedication - no cause to be accused

b. Determination - not controlled by evil

4. Having a good choice 3:17

Our choices should be...

a. God's will - His will is for our willingness

b. God's way - work - worship

5. Having a great Christ 3:18

Our suffering pales in comparison to HIS!

DIRECTIONS FOR SUCCESS 3:1-22

SUCCESS IN THE HOME 3:1-7

SUCCESS IN HAPPINESS 3:8-17

NOW SUCCESS IN THE HARVEST 3:18-22

[I] THE MESSAGE ABOUT CHRIST 3:18

His sufferings for the human race

We see

1. The Reason - for sins

2. The Result - that he might bring us to God

3. The Reach - being put to death

4. The Resurrection - But quickened by the Spirit

5. The Reminder - he suffered once

This is the gospel message

[II] THE METHOD OF CHRIST - 3:19

His preaching 1 Cor 1:21

[III] THE MERCY FROM CHRIST 3:20

His longsuffering

[IV] THE MARK FOR CHRIST 3:21

Baptism

[V] THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST 3:22

His ascension

Gone into heaven at the right hand of God

IV. THE DISCIPLINE OF SUFFERING 4:1-19

The discipline of suffering teaches us
as Christians to have....

Two major things...

First...HATRED TOWARD SIN 4:1-6

[I] BECAUSE OF THE CRUCIFIXION OF THE
SAVIOUR 4:1 / 2 cOR 5:21

When we look at what sin caused our
Saviour to do; we will:

1. Guard ourselves -/- arm yourselves
2. Glean ourselves -/- hath ceased from sin

[II] BECAUSE WE ARE CHANGED TO SAINTS 4:2

2 Cor 5:17 This change gave us as
Christians a different:

1. Longing - We don't desire to fulfill
the lust of the flesh

2. Loving - We love to do God's will..

[III] BECAUSE WE ARE CHALLENGED TO SERVE

4:3-6 How are we challenged to serve?

1. By remembering the bondage of sin 4:3

We once lived our lives to full
capacity of sin:

A. Lasciviousness B. Lusts

C. Excess of wine D. Revellings

E. Banquetings F. Idolatries

1 Cor 6:11 Deut 5:15

2. By revealing the blessings of salvation

4:4-5 Unsaved people don't:

A. Understand us They will try to

B. Undermine us speaking evil of...

Therefore they come

C. Under judgment 4:5

3. BY REALIZING THE BATTLES OF THE SAVED

4:6 1 Peter 1:6-7 2:18-20

Chapter 4 The Discipline Of Suffering

First was Hatred Toward Sin 4:1-6

Now Second - Hospitality Toward Saints 4:7-19

[I] AN EXCITING ATTITUDE TOWARD THE SAVIOUR

4:7

We should be excited about

- 1. His Coming - 'the end ...is at hand'**
- 2. Our Control - too often we are out of control.....**
 - A. Be sober - not intoxicated with worldly things**
 - B. Watch unto prayer - the least we can do**

[II] AN EXERCISING ATTITUDE TOWARD SERVICE

4:8-11

- 1. Exercise love among ourselves 4:8**

Love would solve a world of problems in churches
- 2. Exercise living among ourselves 4:9**

To love others is to live with others
- 3. Exercise labor among ourselves**

To use our gifts for God---- Some have

 - A. Speaking gift - some can speak better than others**
 - B. Serving gift - Some are servants**
- 4. Exercise language among ourselves 4:11**

We can talk about

 - A. The Bible - oracles of God**
 - B. Bestowal - as the Father gives**
 - C. Blessings - We are truly blessed**

[III] AN EXPECTANT ATTITUDE TOWARD SUFFERING

4:12-16

- 1. Suffering is programmed for us 4:12**
- 2. Suffering is precious to us 4:13**
 - A. Gives fellowship with God**
 - B. Gives future glory**
- 3. Suffering brings God's presence to us 4:14**
- 4. Suffering can be God's penalty for us 4:15**
- 5. Suffering is a privilege for us 4:16**

[IV] AN EXAMINING ATTITUDE TOWARD SINNERS

4:17-19

- 1. We see their condition 4:17**
- 2. We see their condemnation 4:18**
- 3. We see our commitment 4:19**

**1 Peter # 18 Chapter 5 /DELIGHTS OF SERVICE
THE PICTURE OF THE PASTOR IN SERVICE 5:1-4**

The First Thing We Note Is.....

[I] HIS EXPERIENCES 5:1

'a witness of the sufferings of Christ'

2 Peter 1:16 - We get our experiences

When we

1. Study about Jesus 2 Tim 2:15

2. Stay close to Jesus

[II] HIS EXCITEMENT 5:1

**'partaker of the glory that shall be
revealed' John 13:35 14:1-4**

1. There is a peacefulness in this hope

'let not your hearts be troubled'

2. And a preciousness in this hope

'receive you unto myself'

3. And a preparation in this hope

'to prepare a place for you'

4. Then too a promise in this hope

'I will come again'

[III] HIS EMPLOYMENT 5:2-3

'FEED THE FLOCK' The pastor is

1. A shephard 5:2

He is giving them....

A. Provision for energy

B. Protection from the enemy

2. A spiritual person 5:2

'taking the oversight' he is to

A. Labor B. Love C. Lead

3. A surrendered person 5:2

'willingly'

4. A satisfied person 5:2

'not for money,.....'

5. A serious person 5:3

'neither as being

6. A solid person 5:3

"being examples to the flock'

[IV] HIS EXPECTATIONS 5:4

1. He looks for Christ to return 5:4

2. He looks for Christian rewards 5:4

1 Peter # 19 Ch 5:5-14

THE PROGRAM FOR THE PEOPLE IN SERVICE

Three parts to this portion

FIRST SECTION 5:5-7 THE EXHORTATION

Peter's Exhortation is for them to have

[I] RESPECT TOWARD PEOPLE 5:5A

Respect is for the good of all

A lawless spirit is a hopeless spirit

Self - submission is promoted here

Let there be the humility of....

1. Subjection to one another
2. Submission to God
3. Suspicion in regard to satan
4. Self - denial toward self - SO

[II] RESISTANCE TOWARD PRIDE 5:5B

Humility speaks of duty to others not

desires for self - personal preference!

Pride is when self is put first

There is the pride of....

1. Self - righteousness
2. Self - glorification
3. Self - reliance
4. Self - will

The Lord hates a proud look - Prov 6:17

The proud He knows - Psalm 138:6

He will destroy the proud - Prov 15:25

[III] REALISM FOR PROGRESS 5:5-6

Progress is accomplished when we allow God to be everything..We get to know ourselves through Jesus SO IN HIS

1. Greatness we discover our littleness
2. Goodness we discover our sinfulness
3. Life we discover our example
4. Love we discover our coldness
5. Cross we discover our doom
6. Coming we discover our deliverance

[IV] REMEDY FOR PROBLEMS 5:7 CONSIDER

1. The problem "all our care" - worries
- A. Personal problems

B. Private problems

C. Public problems

2. The practice "casting them on Him"

A. By confession

B. Through confidence

3. The promise "He cares for you"

Jesus truly cares for YOU and ME

No matter who we are - what we have been!

God Loves US!

1 Peter # 20 THE PROGRAM FOR THE PEOPLE IN SERVICE

FIRST - THE EXHORTATION 5:5-7

SECOND - THE ENEMY 5:8-9 We need to understand concerning our enemy - We are taught....

[I] RESISTANCE AGAINST SATAN - "whom resist"

Three ways to have this resistance

1. Right Thinking .. 'be sober'

We need to know what the Bible says...

A. He is dangerous -- serpent Rev 12:9

B. He is a deceiver - Rev 12:9

C. He is a destroyer - Rev 12:9

2. Right Looking - 'be vigilant'

Don't get caught unaware / off guard

3. Right Standing - 'be steadfast'

A. We may have to flee - Gen 39:10-12

B. We may have to face - 1 Sam 17:45

[II] RESTLESSNESS OF SATAN - 'walketh about'

Knowing his devices - 2 Cor 2:11

1. The animosity of our enemy 5:8

Adversary - Slanderer - Accuser

2. The agitation of our enemy 5:8

As a roaring lion

3. The activity of our enemy 5:8

Walks about

4. The ambition of our enemy 5:8

Seeking whom to devour

Genesis 3:1-5....

Subjection of distraction - frustration

Suggestion of distortion / futile

Suppression of disappointments / fear

Supposition of defeat / failure

These are Satan's method of operation

[III] REMEMBRANCE OF THE SAINTS 5:9

Others have gone through...

1. Afflictions - a family sign 5:9

2. Assurance - a family satisfaction

Peace from His assurance...

1 Peter # 21 - This is third in this section

THE ENCOURAGEMENT 5:10-11

Three things that provide encouragement here...

[I] THE GRACE OF GOD - 'God of all grace'

**In times of sorrow; difficulties; temptations;
troubles; trials; testings; problems; perils.**

- 1. Saving grace - Eph 2:8-9**
- 2. Serving grace - 1 Cor 15:10**
- 3. Sanctifying grace - Rom 5:7**
- 4. Sacrificing grace - 2 Cor 8:1-9**
- 5. Singing grace - Col 3:16**
- 6. Speaking grace - Col 4:6**
- 7. Strengthening grace - 2 Tim 2:1**
- 8. Suffering grace - 1 Pet 5:10**

[II] THE GLORY OF GOD 'His eternal glory'

Grace in us - for us - before us -

With us - through us - to us -

[III] THE GOAL OF GOD 5:10-11

- 1. Our failures will be straightened
'make you perfect' 5:10**
 - 2. Our functions will be steadied
'stablish you' 5:10**
 - 3. Our feebleness will be strengthened
'strengthen you' 5:10**
- A. There are heavy tasks to be done**
- B. Hard battles to be fought**

C. Hurtful sorrows to be borne

We need God's grace for these

4. Our fixation will be sound

'settle you' 5:10

Be like a building resting on its foundation

Be like a tree rooted in the ground & growing

Be like a branch producing life with fruit

God's Grace / Glory / Goal ENCOURAGEMENT!