



1 Peter

Background

- Simon Peter, the disciple of Jesus and leader of the early church is the human penman of this letter.
- He wrote to persecuted Christians scattered throughout Northern Asia Minor.
- He wrote from "Babylon" (5:13) in AD 62-64 with the help of Silas (5:12) and John Mark (5:13).
- Tradition holds that Peter was martyred in 68 AD.

Roadmap

1. **What suffering does for your character (1:1-2:10)**
 - a. Be Hopeful (1:1-12)
 - b. Be Holy (1:13-2:10)
2. **What suffering does for your witness (2:11-3:7)**
 - a. Be submissive in society (2:11-17)
 - b. Be submissive at work (2:18-25)
 - c. Be submissive at home (3:7)
3. **What suffering does for your community (3:8-5:14)**
 - a. Have the same mind (3:8-4:6)
 - b. Have the same heart (4:7-18)
 - c. Have the same goal (5:1-14)

Landmark

Peter instructs his believers where to find hope beyond the hurt. The word "suffer" is used fifteen times. He explains the purposes for suffering and counsels his readers to stand faithfully and joyfully in difficult days.

Must See

Jesus is the Suffering Savior who provides an example in suffering (2:21) (4:1), purpose in suffering (3:18), and ultimate deliverance from suffering (5:10).

Takeaways

Surviving the Hurt:

1. Stand with holiness.
2. Serve with humility.
3. Suffer with hope.