

## Bible Study 1 – Suffering proves salvation – 1 Peter 1:1-12

*Peter writes this book to people who are suffering in what is part of modern Turkey. They don't understand why they're going through it, or what they should do about it. Sometimes it seems like we think we came up with the question of how suffering and pain could coexist with a good God: back then everyone assumed that good people got rewarded and bad people got punished ... and now we're like "Wait ... innocent people seem to suffer. Children die of starvation. The wicked go unpunished and the good unrewarded." Peter tells them how God equips us to survive in the real world.*

<b>The context</b>	Peter was a disciple of Jesus and an eyewitness of Jesus' ministry. The purpose of the book is for "encouraging you and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it." (1 Pt. 5:12). The central theme is to stand firm in the faith during suffering and persecution. Every chapter refers to suffering. It could have been written about AD 62, shortly before Nero's persecution. It deals with the believer's privileges & duties (1:1-2:10), relationships (2:11-4:6), and service & suffering (4:7-5:14).
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### ***PART 1 Read & summarise each section – 1 Peter 1:1-12***

Chosen exiles (v.1-2)	
A living hope (v.3-5)	
Suffering & salvation (v.6-9)	
Salvation revealed to us (v.10-12)	

### ***PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage***

***1. What I learnt about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit.***

***2. What I learnt about people like us.***

***3. Summarise a key verse in your own words.***

***4. In your opinion, what are the most important biblical principles being taught?***

***5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?***

***6. How would you respond to trials and suffering?***

***7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?***

Because of their secure future, believers can rejoice in suffering. Suffering tests our faith. When Jesus returns, God will reward genuine faith.



## Obey

Since God's word is true, what must I change in my life to obey God?  
What must I do to obey?

I will
I will
I will

Questions to help me apply this study to myself

- Is there a *SIN* for me to avoid?
- Is there a *PROMISE* from God for me to claim?
- Is there an *EXAMPLE* for me to follow?
- Is there a *COMMANDMENT* or *MODEL* for me to follow?

## Share

Who will I tell about this Bible passage?

## Prayer

**Date:**

One thing you are thankful for.

One thing that's bothering you.

Is there anything this group can do to help you?

Person	Prayer points

**Who needs help?** What can we do to help over the next two weeks?

Person	How will I help them?

