

Lesson Outline/ Additional Notes:

Lesson	Date	Scripture	Topic
1	6 April	1 Pet 1:1-2	Introduction and Greetings
2	13 April	1 Pet 1:3-12	Glory in our Grief
	20 April	<i>Easter</i>	
3	27 April	1 Pet 1:13-25; 2:1-3	A Christian's Holiness
4	4 May	1 Pet 2:4-12	A Chosen Generation
5	11 May	1 Pet 2:13-25	Living in Two Worlds
6	18 May	1 Pet 3:1-7	Submission in Marriage
7	25 May	1 Pet 3:8-22	Submission in Suffering
8	1 June	1 Pet 4:1-11	Arm Yourselves with the Same Mind
9	8 June	1 Pet 4:12-19	A Hard Life
10	15 June	1 Pet 5:1-5	Shepherding the Flock
	22 June	<i>Missionary Sunday</i>	
11	29 June	1 Pet 5:6-14	The Great and Glorious God

Adult Sunday School (1 Peter) Lesson 1

1 Pet 1:1-2: Introduction & Greetings

6 April 2025

1. Overall Introduction to 1 Peter

- Why 1 Peter?
 - Author
 - Theme of suffering (1 Pet 1:6, 2:12, 2:20, 4:16, 4:19, 4:12)
 - A tract for the times
 - A 1st century letter (~AD62-63) with great relevance for the 21st century church.
 - Peter's main **pastoral burden**: to instruct, to comfort and exhort the believers in Asia Minor in the midst of their present suffering and in light of their future sufferings for the sake of Christ.
 - Peter's **desire for the believers**: that the conversation (lifestyle) worked out in the crucible of suffering will glorify Christ, validate the gospel and result in their progress in grace.
 - "What does the Christian do when sufferings don't make sense?" (cf. 1 Pet 5:10,11; 1 Pet 5:12b)

2. Lesson Outline for 1 Peter

Enclosed overleaf

3. Introduction in the Letter

- The writer: Peter, Jesus Christ's apostle
 - Personal identity
 - Simon (Mt 4:18; Mk 1:16; Lk 5:4) to Peter (Mt 16:18)
 - Peter's prominence in the church (Acts 1 – Acts 12)
 - Peter's public failures (Mt 14:31, Mt 16:22, Mk 14:30)
 - Peter's restoration (Jn 21:19,22)
 - The charge to Peter: strengthen thy brethren! (Lk 22:32)
 - Apostolic capacity: Chosen to bring the very words of God to those unto whom he writes.
- The readers: Strangers of the dispersion
 - Their geographical identity
 - Their identity in Christ
 - Elect of God
 - The basis of their identity: salvation is a work of the Triune Godhead – a divine conspiracy
 - Tying their identity to their identity in God
 - *"Scattered in the countries, and yet gathered in God's election, chosen or picked out; strangers to men amongst whom they dwelt, but known and foreknown to God; removed from their own country, to which men have naturally an unalterable affection, but made heirs of a better."* -Robert Leighton

4. Greetings

- Apostolic Greeting (cf. various New Testament epistles)
 - Laying hold of God's disposition toward us
- The substance of Peter's strong desire for the believers
 - Grace
 - God's love in action through Jesus Christ on the behalf of sinners (Titus 2:11; 2 Cor 8:9)
 - *"Grace is the unmerited favour of God coming out of His heart, through Christ, on behalf of sinners - as well as all that God has procured for us in Christ."* -Ps Al Martin
 - Peace (cf. Rom 5:1, Phi 4:7)
 - A distinctive peace (Jn 14:27)
 - A peace that flows from grace (cf. Num 6:23-27)
- The measure of Peter's desire for the believers
 - 'be multiplied'
 - The uniqueness of this greeting (cf. 2 Pet 1:2, Jude 1:2)
 - The measure of God's grace and peace is God Himself – the infinitude of His being.
 - The God of all grace (1 Pet 5:10); the true grace of God (1 Pet 5:12b); the peace of God (1 Pet 5:14).