

# ***First Peter: an overview***

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# *Our Objective*

- ◆ To gain a better understanding of the contents of First Peter.
- ◆ To learn how to apply these concepts to our daily living.

# ***First Peter: outline***

◆ 1:1-2

◆ **Praescriptio**

◆ 1:3-12

◆ **Proem**

◆ 1:13-2:10

◆ **Body: 1<sup>st</sup> part**

◆ ***Holy Living***

◆ 2:11-3:12

◆ **Body: 2<sup>nd</sup> part**

◆ ***Obligations***

◆ 3:13-5:11

◆ **Body: 3<sup>rd</sup> part**

◆ ***Persecution***

◆ 5:12-14

◆ **Conclusio**

# First Peter 1:1-2, Praescriptio

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, *To the exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, 2 who have been chosen and destined by God the Father and sanctified by the Spirit to be obedient to Jesus Christ and to be sprinkled with his blood:* May grace and peace be yours in abundance.

- ◆ Superscriptio
- ◆ Adscriptio
- ◆ Salutatio



# First Peter 1:3-12, Proem

**3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!** *By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5 who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, 7 so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8 Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. 10 Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that was to be yours made careful search and inquiry, 11 inquiring about the person or time that the Spirit of Christ within them indicated when it testified in advance to the sufferings destined for Christ and the subsequent glory. 12 It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in regard to the things that have now been announced to you through those who brought you good news by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look!*

- ◆ **Core expression, v. 3a**
- ◆ *Expansion 1, vv 3b-5*
- ◆ **Expansion 2, vv. 6-9**
- ◆ *Expansion 3, vv. 10-12*

# *First Peter 1:1-12*

## What have we learned today about the letter?

- ◆ Peter dictated this letter in Rome to Silas (5:12)
- ◆ Letter was a substitute presence of the apostle
- ◆ Letter written in late 50s to early 60s
- ◆ Written to readers in ancient Anatolia
- ◆ Contains standard elements of ancient letter:
  - ◆ Praescriptio
  - ◆ Proem
  - ◆ Body
  - ◆ Conclusio

# *First Peter 1:1-12*

## What have we learned today about ourselves?

- ◆ **Believers are** (vv. 1-2):
  - ◆ παρεπιδήμοις
  - ◆ ἐκλεκτοῖς
  - ◆ κατὰ πρόγνωσιν θεοῦ πατρός
  - ◆ ἐν ἁγιασμῷ πνεύματος
  - ◆ εἰς ὑπακοὴν καὶ ῥαντισμὸν αἵματος Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ
  
- ◆ **God is to be praised** (vv. 3-12):
  - ◆ ὁ κατὰ τὸ πολὺ αὐτοῦ ἔλεος ἀναγεννήσας ἡμᾶς (vv.3b-5)
  - ◆ ἐν ᾧ ἀγαλλιᾶσθε / ὃν οὐκ ἴδόντες ἀγαπᾶτε (vv. 6-9)
  - ◆ Περὶ ἧς σωτηρίας ἐξεζήτησαν καὶ ἐξηραύνησαν προφηῆται (vv. 10-12)