

EXILES: A STUDY IN 1 PETER

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Lesson 1 | 1 Peter 1:1-13 | “Hope in Uncertainty”

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Read 1 Peter 1:1-6

“Exiles” – Peter uses this term to shape their sense of identity

- 1:17 *“Conduct yourself with fear throughout the time of your exile.”*
2:11 *“Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain...”*
5:13 *“She who is at Babylon...sends you greetings.” (why Babylon)*

“Elect Exiles of the Dispersion”

Three Orienting Truths:

1. Him

- *“Our Father, who is in heaven...”*
- *Before we can see clearly through the uncertainty on earth, we must first look to the certainty of heaven.*

2. History

- *Stories of the past shape our identity in the present.*
- *There are 30 allusions/quotations from the OT & 25 from the gospels. (For deeper study see Peter David’s commentary – pgs. 24-27)*

3. Hope

- *What you hope for tomorrow, you live for today.*
- *Our hope is secure*
- *Our hope will sustain*



Read 1 Peter 1:7-13

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Lesson 2 | 1 Peter 1:13-2:3 | “His Holy People”

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Read 1 Peter 1:13-2:3

Orienting truths that shape our identity:

1. Him
2. History
3. Hope
4. Holy
 - *Our identity in the world should reflect our relationship in God.*
 - *We are made holy because of the one who is holy.*
 - *Common things in the Bible become holy because God makes use of them.*

We are holy because of his identity:

- **1:13-2:3** We have been reborn as **HIS CHILDREN**
- **2:4-12** We are holy because we are **HIS TEMPLE**

Two Families in 1:13-2:3

- As obedient children (1:14)
- Futile ways inherited from your forefathers (1:18)
- You have been born again...grow up into salvation (1:23 & 2:2)



Next Session: 2:4-12

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Lesson 3 | 1 Peter 2:4-12 | “His Holy People” (pt. 2)

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Read 1 Peter 2:4-12

Review: Orienting truths that shape our identity:

1. Him
2. History
3. Hope
4. Holy

Review: We are holy because of his identity:

- 1:13-2:3 We have been reborn as HIS CHILDREN
- 2:4-12 We are holy because we are HIS TEMPLE

His Holy Temple

- Presence
- Worship

One Decision:

- Stumble over him
- Build my life upon him



Next Session: 2:11-3:7

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Lesson 4 | 1 Peter 2:11-3:7 | “Reflect Your Identity in Your Interactions”

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Read 1 Peter 2:11-3:7

History:

“Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.” (Jeremiah 29:7)

1. Abstain

2. Conduct

3 Implications of our Identity in our Interactions

1. Trust
2. Reflect
3. Witness

3 Circles of Interactions

- Citizens
- Work (Servants)
- Family (Marriage)



Next Session: 3:8-22

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Lesson 5 | 1 Peter 3:8-22 | “Reflect Your Identity in Your Suffering”

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Read 1 Peter 3:8-22

- *“Do not repay reviling for reviling, but on the contrary bless.”*

4 Principles of Trust when Suffering

- God will **see** us when we suffer
- God will **hear** us when we suffer
- God will **bless** us when we suffer
- God will **use** us when we suffer

An Example from History: Noah

- It was a time of darkness and rebellion
- Few believed, and few were saved
- Jesus is victorious over even the darkest of times

Baptism:

- Baptism is an appeal to Jesus who alone can save you from your sin.
 1. It is an appeal that can also be translated “pledge.”
 2. It admits, “I need rescuing!”
 3. Baptism is both a public dedication and a personal prayer.
- Baptism is a powerful confession of our faith.
 1. It looks back to Jesus’ death, burial resurrection.
 2. It looks forward to our own physical death, burial, resurrection.
- Baptism is a physical picture of a spiritual reality.
 1. We proclaim our repentance and are washed.
 2. We die to self and are raised to a new life in Christ (Rom 6).
- Baptism is not an action, but a passive submission and participation.
 3. We “are” baptized.
 4. We cannot do this without Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
 5. We cannot do this without the church.



Read: Acts 2:38-40

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Lesson 6 | 1 Peter 4:1-19 | “Maintain Your Identity in Your Suffering”

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Read 1 Peter 4:1-19

Think like Jesus – “Arm yourselves with the same way of thinking”

Listen for echoes of Jesus’ prayers when he faced his own suffering

- “Thy will be done.”
- “Father forgive them”
- “Into your hands I commit my spirit”

Love like Jesus

- By forgiving
- By showing hospitality
- By serving

Share in his sufferings

- If you are insulted for the **name of Christ**
- If you suffer as a **Christian** don’t be ashamed
- Glorify God in that **name**

“Father, into your hands I commit my spirit” (Luke 23:46)



Next Session: 1 Peter 5:1-14

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Lesson 7 | 1 Peter 5:1-14 | “Look Out & Look Up”

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Read 1 Peter 5:1-14

Look out for one another, God will look out for you

Shepherds look out for the sheep (5:1-5)

- Ezekiel 34
- Hebrews 13:17

Look up to God who looks out for you (5:6-7)

- Humble yourself

Pride causes us to say:

- Only I can
- Only I care
- Only I will

- God can (History)
- God cares (Him)
- God will (Hope)

Trust in God's Timing

1 Peter 5:10–11 — *And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. 11 To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.*