

The Bible - Week 47 (December 5th)

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1 Peter

Author: the apostle Peter.

Date: 64 CE, with the prosecution from Nero

Audience: Peter wrote to the Jewish people who were spread out over Asia Minor

Reason: to submit to authority so as to share love and peace and for strength in persecution.

Theme: suffer now and be taken care of latter.

Key Verse:

1 Peter 5:10 CEB

After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, the one who called you into his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will himself restore, empower, strengthen, and establish you.

Sections: Salvation (ch 1:1-12) Holiness (Ch 1:13-2:12) Submission (Ch 2:13-3:7), Suffering (Ch 3:8-4:11), Change (Ch 4:12-5)

Key Words: Suffering, Hope, Glory, Salvation

Basic Intro: Peter knew from the time with Jesus that suffering would always be around the followers of Jesus. Jesus is above any persecution though, and we hold on to that promise until we meet him again.

Questions for Discussion:

- **Peter says that we have been born into a royal**

priesthood, how can your life reflect that? (1 Peter 2:9)

- Peter challenges us to respect the government, even when we disagree with it. In what ways are we doing this and in what ways are we failing at doing this?**
- Have you ever felt spiritual growth in the midst of persecution?**
- What has Peter taught you that might help you the next time you face persecution?**