



# Path to Hope: First Peter

## A Living Hope: Chapter 1

### **The Chosen of God**

First Peter is the third of the five Hebrew Christian or Messianic Jewish epistles (*Hebrews, James, 1 and 2 Peter and Jude*). These five epistles were *primarily* written to meet specific needs of the Jewish believers who were scattered as a result of the persecution that arose after the death of Stephen.

**Strangers and Pilgrims:** Our hope is not centered in what will happen to us in this world.

*Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Ro 15:13*

#### **A. Who Are The Hopeful? 1:1-2**

1. The Pilgrims: Temporary resident
2. People of the dispersion: The scattered
3. The Elect: The chosen of God (*Chapter 2*)

#### **B. The God of Hope at Work 1:2**

***Salvation is the work of the Trinity.***

1. God the Father: They were elected on the basis of the foreknowledge of God.
2. God the Holy Spirit: In sanctification of the spirit—they were set apart by means of the Holy Spirit
3. God the Son: "...obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ." The work of the cross in cleansing from sin. *Obedience of faith Rom 1:5; 15:18; 16:26*

#### **C. Greeted with Hope 1:2**

1. Grace: The Greek greeting
2. Peace (Shalom): The Jewish greeting

#### **D. Hope of Our Salvation 1:3-12**

1. The future 1:3-5; 2 Pet 3:13; Phil 1:21; Col 3:1-4  
 -**Our hope**: It's ALIVE because of the Father's mercy  
 -**Our inheritance**: *Matt 6* Safely on deposit  
 -**Our security**: Kept by the power of God through faith
2. The present 1:6-9; James 1:2-4; 2 Cor 4:17  
 -**Rejoice in trials**: Joy in the midst of suffering  
 -**Purpose of trials**: Proving our faith  
 -**Cause for joy**: Walk in the inheritance now *1:9*
3. The past 1:10-12  
 -**OT prophets**: They prophesied the undeserved favor which we would receive. But they did not fully understand what they were writing. *Dan 9:2-3; 12:8*  
 -**The mystery of the gospel**: The suffering (the Messiah's first coming) and the glory (His second coming) were not understood. But they have been revealed to us.  
 -**Revelation**: The fullness of God's grace could not appear until Christ came. God could and did save sinners and take them to heaven, as He did Enoch before, but union with Christ and all that implies, could not be experienced until Christ died and rose again.

Job never stopped trusting in God!

### 1 Peter 1:1-12 (NKJV)

**:1** Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To the **pilgrims** of the **Dispersion** in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

**:2** **elect** according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the **Spirit**, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of **Jesus Christ**: **Grace** to you and **peace** be **multiplied**.

**:3** Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a **living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

**:4** to an **inheritance** incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, **reserved** in heaven for you,

**:5** who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

**:6** In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials,

**:7** that the genuineness of your faith, *being much more precious than gold that perishes*, though it is tested by fire, *may be found to praise, honor, and glory* at the revelation of Jesus Christ,

**:8** whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see *Him*, yet believing, you rejoice with joy

inexpressible and full of glory,

**:9** receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of *your* souls.

**:10** Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you,

**:11** searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.

**:12** To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into.