

# 1 Peter : 2 Peter

## 1 – 1 Peter 1:1-12—Praise To God

to whom is Peter writing? Why these titles? How does Peter note the Trinity? Why “new birth”? What is the “living hope”? How is our “inheritance kept in heaven”? What is the purpose of “grief” and “all kinds of trials”? How is our salvation already ours now? How is it still to be received? Note the words: “grace”, “peace”, “mercy”, “faith”. How are we blessed greater than the angels?

## 2 – 1 Peter 1:13- 2:3—God’s Holy Children

What does it mean to “be holy” - v.13-15? What does it mean to “live as strangers here”? (v.17) Note Martin Luther’s explanation of the 2nd article in v.18-19. What does “Jesus for You” mean as you read v.20-21? Why does Peter write again about being “born again”? (see v.3 also) How do you “crave pure spiritual milk”? Or do you? How can we do it more? (2:1-3)

## 3 – 1 Peter 2:4-12—Chosen People, Royal Priesthood

How do we “come to the Living Stone”? How are we also “living stones”? What difference does this make in our lives? What happens to those who “disobey the message” of the Living Stone? How do the titles in 2:9 reflect OT themes? (see [Hosea 1:6-9](#), [Hosea 2:23](#)) How are we “aliens and strangers in this world”? Do others see us that way? Why or why not?

## 4 – 1 Peter 2:13-3:7—Submission In Christ

Nero was the ruler at this time - what is Peter writing? Compare v.15 with what we read in v.11-12. How do these verses give direction to the issue of “church and state”? What does it mean that we are “called to suffer for doing good”? (3:20-21) How is Jesus our greatest example and Savior through suffering? What are the specific words to wives? To husbands? How do these words fit in with what the world is telling us? How are the prayers of husbands “hindered”? (3:7)

## 5 – 1 Peter 3:8-4:11—Set Apart Christ As Lord

What are the 6 directives “to which we were called”? Again, why is Peter writing about “suffering” (see also 1:6-9) How do we “set apart Christ as Lord in our hearts”? How can we “always be ready to give an answer...”? Note 3:19 is a Biblical verse of the descent of Jesus into hell. How is the Flood related to our Baptism? Why is a “good conscience toward God” so vitally important? The “therefore” in 4:1 is drawing it all together - what is Peter’s (God’s) message? How are we believers different from those who do not yet know Christ? Note again the reference to “so that you can pray” (4:7, see again 3:7) How important is prayer in your life? How does “love cover a multitude of sins”?

## 6 – 1 Peter 4:12-5:14—What To Expect

If being so different brings suffering, why be different? (again see 2:19-25) What IS “the outcome of those who do not obey the gospel of God”? What special instructions does Peter give to his “fellow elders” / pastors? How are the “young men” / “all of you” to be “submissive” and “humble”? How are we to “stand firm in the faith”? What is God’s promise? “She who is in Babylon” is the Church in Rome - note also the notation of Mark (the writer of the Gospel!)

## 7 – 2 Peter 1:1-11—Add To Your Faith

Whereas 1 Peter was encouraging believers through persecution, 2 Peter is combatting the heresy of Gnosticism - “God only gave secret knowledge to some people / earthly things are evil, spiritual things are good” - what does Peter assure the believers in these verses? What causes us to be ineffective and unproductive? How can we / do we “make our calling and election sure”?

## 8 – 2 Peter 1:12-21—The Word Made More Certain

Why do we need so many reminders? How do we seek to keep these reminders (for our children, especially) alive even when we are not around? What’s the difference between eye-witnesses and “the word of the prophets”? How do these verses remind us of the precious treasure we have in God’s Word?

## 9 – 2 Peter 2—False Teachers

How can we know and avoid false teachers? What does this teach us about the fallen, evil angels? What does this teach us about those who reject Christ and His Word? Who are the false teachers today? How can we recognize

them? What should be do about them? What warning is given to those who know “the way of righteousness, but turn their backs to it”?

## **10 – 2 Peter 3—The Day Of The Lord**

How are we “stimulated to wholesome thinking”? How can a person “deliberately forget”? Note again “do not forget...”. What is “the day of the Lord”? What difference does this make for our daily lives? What does Peter write about Paul? What is Peter’s warning? How might a person “fall from their secure position”? What must be done to prevent this?