



“YOU CAN MAKE IT”

Introduction

A Study of 1 Peter

PURPOSE OF 1 PETER

- **The purpose of I Peter is to encourage believer’s when they face persecution and suffering (1:6-7; 5:8-9).**
- **Peter encourages believers to lift their eyes above present difficulties to God’s grace.**
 - He shows them the hope ahead (1:3).
 - He points to the example of Christ (2:21-23).

PERSECUTION AND SUFFERINGS IN 1 PETER

- **Persecution and unforeseen trouble was the occasion for the letter.**
- **After Nero’s persecution in Rome, Christians lived in peril of threat for their lives.**
- **The Persecution was unofficial and social rather than legal – sporadic (3:17; 4:12-19).**
- **Nature of the persecutions were slanderous attacks (4:14,15; 4:4,5; 2:13-17,11,12,16; 5:2-3).**

KEY WORDS IN 1 PETER

- ⇒ **“Hope”** (5 times)
- ⇒ **“Glory”** (16 times)
- ⇒ **“Precious”** (5 times)
- ⇒ **“Grace”** (10 times)
- ⇒ **“Suffering”** (16 times; implied 6 times)

WHO WAS PETER?

- Peter’s given name was “Simon.”
- Jesus gave him the name Cephas (Jn. 1:42)
1.Cephas means stone or rock.
- He occupied a central place in the book of Acts (1st 12 chapters).
- Married and lived in Capernaum (Luke 4:38-40).
- In fishing business with his brother Andrew.

- The Lord appeared to him in a special appearance after the resurrection (Lk. 24:34; I Cor. 15:5).
- Peter was literate but unschooled.
 1. Called from his trade as a fisherman
 2. Called to be a fisher of men (Lk 5:1-11)

HIS WEAKNESSES

- Impulsive-Mark 9:1-13
- Undependable-Matt 26:36-46
- Emotional-John 18:1-11
- Unfocused at times-Matt 14:22-32

HIS CONQUERING MOMENTS

- Jesus asked for him after his lowest moment-Mark 16:1-7
- Preached and 3,000 souls saved-Acts 2:40-41
- Healed a beggar-Acts 3:1-10
- Heals Aeneas-Acts 9:32-35