

1 & 2 Peter

Part 4 – The Purpose of Suffering

Maturity in Christ-1 Peter 1:1-2:11

1 Peter 1:1-9

Focus:

Purpose of suffering: 1 Peter 1:1 – 2:12

Place of Suffering 2:13 – 3:7

Practice of Suffering 3:8 – 5:14

Hebrews 2:11 For both **He who sanctifies** and those who **are sanctified** are all from one Father; for which reason He is not ashamed to call them **brethren,**

Structured Approach:

1. He reminds them they are the elect of God, that they had been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God, that they might walk in obedience.
2. He reminds them of the **living hope** they all had, and the **incorruptible inheritance** reserved in heaven for them.
3. The Apostle Peter then goes on to inform them that they were among the privileged to know and understand the truths being taught about Jesus, that even their forefathers and Prophets were uninformed about the details that had now been revealed to them.
4. The Apostle Peter encourages them to continue in their faithful service and encouraging them to persevere to the end despite all their suffering and trials.
5. Peter then focuses on their specific duty of having a sincere love of the brethren and doing it fervently from the heart. By doing this, they would be holy as He is holy and not be conformed to their former lusts and behavior.
6. Peter reminds them that all the brethren are of course "like grass, and that all the glory of the flowers will all fall away. BUT the word of The Lord endures forever.

Summary of 1 Peter 1:1–9:

God has caused believers to be born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, giving them potentially an imperishable inheritance and sustaining their faith through trials and suffering, refining their faith, so that it results in praise, glory, and honor at Christ's revelation, ultimately ensuring their future salvation.

1 Peter 1:1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who reside **as aliens, scattered** throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, **who are chosen.**

(v:18, 2:10, 4:3, 5:14,)

(2:9 and 3:6 – Jewish references)

(Colossians 1:5 because of the hope laid up for you in heaven, of which you previously heard in the word of truth, the gospel)

2 according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the **sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ** and be sprinkled with His blood:

May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure.

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

4 **to obtain** an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

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

6 **In this you greatly rejoice,** even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been **distressed** by various trials,

7 **so that** the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, **may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;**

8 and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you **greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible** and full of glory,

(verse 8 will be handled in the next Part 5)

9 obtaining as **the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.**

(1 Cor. 15:53-54), BUT only God is truly immortal (1 Tim. 6:13-16).

Summary Sentence: of Chapter 1 *emphasizes that believers, chosen by God, are born anew to a living hope through Christ's resurrection and are therefore called to live in holiness, steadfast faith, suffering, and to have sincere love of the brethren as they await their imperishable heavenly inheritance.*

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song: Born Into Hope-1 Peter 1:1-9