

**FAITH**

*THROUGH THE*

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Guidance For Troubled Times - **1 PETER**



# FAITH through the FIRE

## THE CHRISTIAN'S TO WHOM PETER WRITES

They were sojourners &  
pilgrims traveling through  
a wicked & hostile world.

*(as are we)*

(1:1; 2:11,12)



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They had been redeemed  
through the blood of Christ &  
sanctified to live faithful,  
obedient, holy lives for God.

(1:2,13-25; 2:11-3:7; 4:1-6,12-19; 5:10)



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They were experiencing, or about to experience, persecution because of their faith -

(1:6,7; 2:12,19,20; 3:14,17;  
4:12,13; 5:10)



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## **1 PETER 4:12-13 (NKJV)**

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- ✦ It's no secret that Christians are the target of hostility, from mockery in the media, to the coercive promotion of godless lifestyles and beliefs and a rejection of absolute truth.
- ✦ On an individual level, we may face rejection, ridicule and unjust treatment from those around us who live ungodly lives.



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- ◆ Persecution will effect our faith, but that effect is determined by our attitude & response! (1 Pet 1:7-9; 3:14,15; 5:10)
- ◆ How can we respond properly & in a beneficial way when we're treated poorly because of our faith?



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## KEPT THROUGH FAITH - 1:5

- ◆ Realizing Our Standing Before God -
  - ✦ Chosen; royal priesthood, holy nation - (1:2; 2:9; Eph 1:4:5)
  - ✦ Set apart from the world for the service of God - (1:2,13-16; 4:1-3)
  - ✦ Redeemed with the precious blood of Jesus thus belonging to God - (1:18-23; 2:9,10; cf. 1 Cor. 6:19,20; 2 Cor 5:14-20)



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- ◆ Understanding God Will Judge Us
  - \* God will judge us without partiality and according to our works - (1:17; 4:17-18)
  - \* Committing our souls to God as to a faithful creator - (4:19)
  - \* Exalting God in our hearts - (3:15; 5:5-9)
  - \* Thus we humble ourselves before God & resist the devil - (5:6-9)



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- ◆ Trusting the promises of God
  - ✧ Begotten to a living hope through the resurrection of Christ - (1:3-9,13,21; 3:18-22; cf Rom 5:4,5; 8:24)
  - ✧ A crown of life that will not fade - (5:4)
  - ✧ God's promise to "perfect, establish, strengthen & settle" you - (5:10; cf 1:Cor. 10:13; Eph 6:10-18; 2 Pet 1:5-11)



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### ◆ Submission To The Will of God

- \* We purified our souls in obeying the truth - (1:22,23)
- \* We are to continue in obedience - living holy lives - (1:2,13-17; 4:1-6)
- \* Includes submission to those in authority over us - and treating others right - (2:11-3:7; 3:8-12; 4:7-11; 5:1-5)
- \* Example of Jesus - (2:21-24; 3:18-4:2; Heb 12:1-2)



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- ♦ Spiritual Perspective / Godly Attitude
  - \* Our love and hope in the Lord will produce joy even in grievous trials - (1:6-9; 4:13; cf. Rom 5:2-5; James 1:2-6; John 16:33; 2 Cor. 4:16-18)
  - \* Reverence, sober minded, serious, watchful, prayerful - (1:13,17; 3:15; 4:7; 5:8; 3:7)



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## 1 PETER 3:13-17 (NKJV)

<sup>13</sup> And who *is* he who will harm you if you become followers of what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, *you are* blessed. "*And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled.*" <sup>15</sup> But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always *be* ready to *give* a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; <sup>16</sup> having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed. <sup>17</sup> For *it is* better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.



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# JAMES 1:1-8 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> James, a bondservant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad: Greetings. <sup>2</sup>

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, <sup>3</sup> knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. <sup>4</sup>

But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.



# JAMES 1:1-8 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup> If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. <sup>6</sup> But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup> For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; <sup>8</sup> *he is* a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.



