

The “three dimensions” of salvation

- **Faith** **A tested faith**
Willing to go but wanting to stay
- **Hope** **A living hope**
Wanting to go but willing to stay
- **Love** **A joyful love**

Relationship of 1 Peter and 2 Peter

Reassurance

Persecution

- Salvation & sanctification
- Submission & suffering
- Steadfastness & service

1 Peter

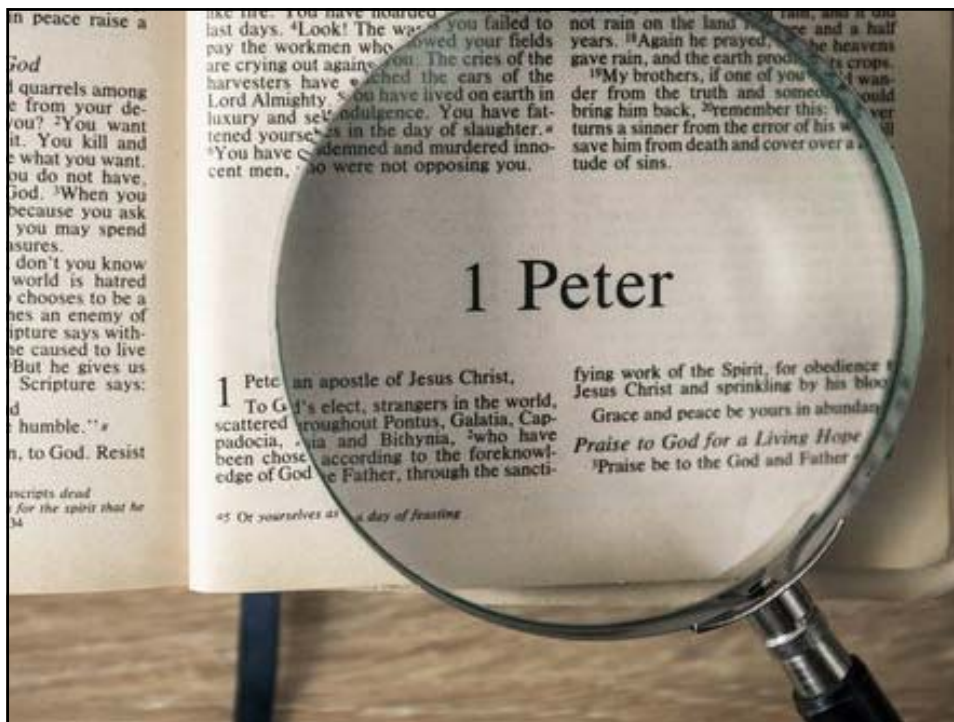
2 Peter

Growth in:

- Grace
- Knowledge
- Expectation

False Teaching

Remembrance



KEY THEME

God's grace
 and the
 living hope
 (in times of
 persecution)

1 Peter

KEY POINTS

Peter's letter focuses on the sufferings and glory of Christ and His church. While Paul's Thessalonian epistles briefly explored Christian suffering, Peter devotes his first epistle to the issue. To Peter, Christian suffering isn't just something to put up with—**it's something to expect.**

1 Peter

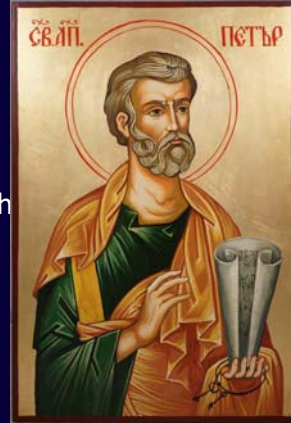
KEY VERSE

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....

1 Peter 1:3

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ

- Simon ("reed") Peter ("stone", name given by Jesus), Cephas (Aramaic version of Peter).
- c. 1 AD - Born Bethsaida (John 1:44)
- c. 25 AD - Married (Mark 1:30)
- c. 29 AD - Fisherman in Capernaum with his father and brother Andrew.
- "Unlearned" (Acts 4:13), meaning he had no formal religious schooling (other than a 3-year apprenticeship).
- A leading apostle called to minister to the Jews (Galatians 2:1-10). Writing these letters was part of his ministry.
- c. 64 AD - John Mark ("Mark, my son" 1 Peter 5:13) who wrote the Gospel of Mark (*probably* the gospel according to Peter).

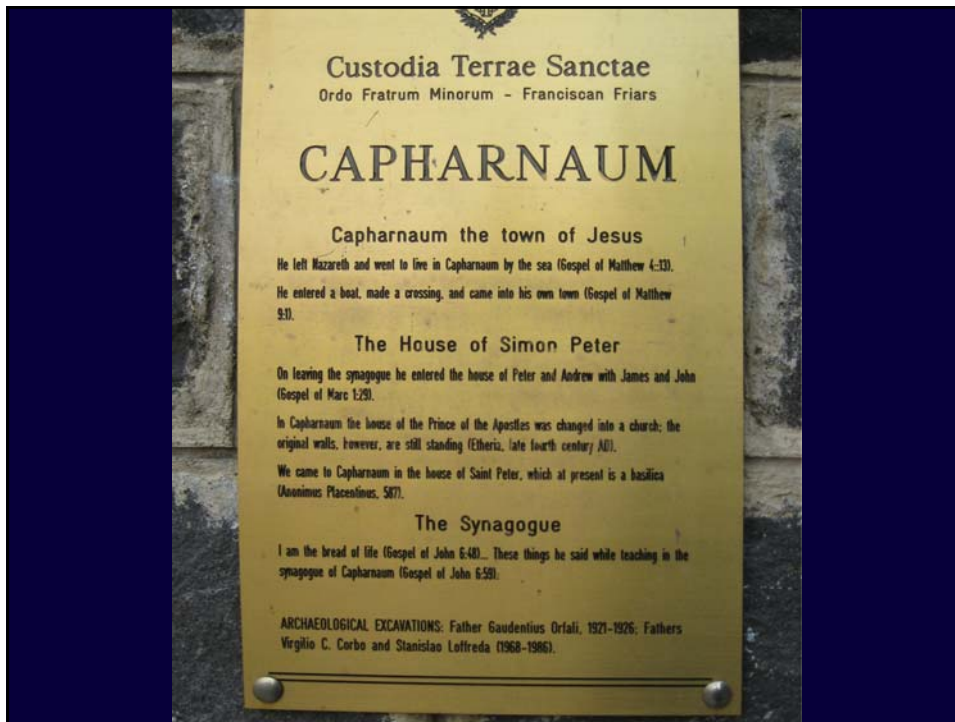


Simon Peter

A Fisherman of Capernaum



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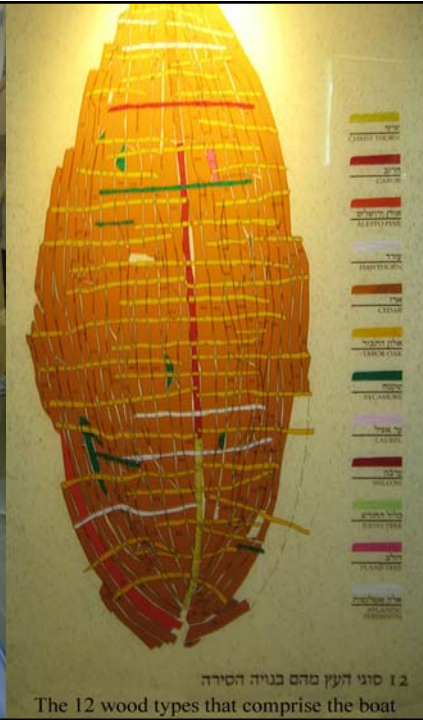


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ELS – Equidistant Letter Sequence Codes

“The secrets of the Torah are revealed...in the skipping of the letters.” (Rabbi Moses Cordevaro, 16th century)

With the advent of the computer age, Dr. Eli Rips began to explore the Torah with advanced computer techniques... and rediscovered some of what the ancient sages had known long ago.

Rips explained that each code is a case of adding every x^{th} letter to form a word.

Read the code

And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat... (Genesis 1:29)

Hebrew terms for trees and vegetation encoded between Gen 1:29 and Gen 2:9, inclusive.

אשיל	Tamarisk (2)	רמון	Pomegranate (8)
אלה	Terebinth, (-2)	גפר	Gopherwood or fir (8)
עבת	Thicket (or Dense forest) (-3)	סנה	Thornbush [<i>Crataegus</i>] (9)
הדר	Citron (-3)	זית	Olive (-9)
ששוע	Acacia (-3)	בפון	Pistachio Nut (13)
שקד	Almond (5)	לון	Hazel (-13)
חטה	Wheat (5)	תאנה	Fig (14)
תמר	Date Palm(5)	ערבה	Willow (-15)
ארז	Cedar (-5)	אלון	Oak (17)
אדלום	Aloe (6)	גפן	Vine (-18)
ענב	Grape (-6)	שעורה	Barley (-28)
אפור	Boxthorn or Bramble (7)	ערמו	Chestnut (44)
קרה	Cassia (7)	לבנה	Poplar (-85)

And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. (Genesis 2:9)

Simon Peter's two names suggest a
Christian's two natures:

An old nature (Simon) prone to fail
and
A new nature (Peter) that can give victory

Simon was a lump of human **clay**,
but Jesus Christ made Peter into a **rock!**

Peter's message of hope in chaotic times

- Although their times and cultures were very different to ours, the Apostle Peter wrote to people facing similar challenges.
- Peter wrote to people across five diverse regions who were experiencing dizzying cultural disorientation. His letters are saturated in wisdom for such times. His key message is that **cultural disorientation is an opportunity to re-center hope.**
 - When we seek cultural relevance, we compromise our hope. Peter avoids softening Christianity to make it acceptable.
 - Peter also avoids cultural dominance, where one becomes more assertive and critical or prone to attack or appease.
 - "Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless." (1 Pet. 3:9)

Re-centering hope

- To re-center, we must find a landmark.

God called us to be exiles of hope.

- Biblical hope is neither passive nor aggressive; it does not strive for cultural relevance or dominance. Instead, it tries to view everything from the “eternal moment,” refusing to be defined by the fleeting culture flashing by.

Eternity

Outline

GOD'S GRACE AND SALVATION

(1 Peter 1:1—2:10)

- Live in hope—1:1–12
- Live in holiness—1:13–21
- Live in harmony—1:22–2:10

GOD'S GRACE AND SUBMISSION

(1 Peter 2:11—3:12)

- Submit to authorities—2:11–17
- Submit to masters—2:18–25
- Submit in the home—3:1–7
- Submit in the church—3:8–12

GOD'S GRACE AND SUFFERING

(1 Peter 3:13—5:11)

- Make Jesus Christ Lord—3:13–22
- Have Christ's attitude—4:1–11
- Glorify Christ's name—4:12–19
- Look for Christ's return—5:1–6
- Depend on Christ's grace—5:7–14

Outline

Suffering proves salvation

(1 Pet 1:1-12)

- Be holy (1 Pet 1:13-21)
- Love one another (1 Pet 1:22-25)
- Long for the word (1 Pet 2:1-3)

We are a holy people

(1 Pet 2:4-11)

- Behave well toward authority (1 Pet 2:11-25)
- Behave well toward spouses (1 Pet 3:1-7)
- Behave well toward all (1 Pet 3:8-12)

Christ suffered for us

(1 Pet 3:13-22)

- Live for the will of God (1 Pet 4:1-6)
- Exercise spiritual gifts (1 Pet 4:7-11)

Suffering tests us

(1 Pet 4:12-19)

- Elders should guard the flock (1 Pet 5:1-5)
- Humble yourselves under God (1 Pet 5:6-7)
- Stand firm (1 Pet 5:8-14)

1 Peter 1

¹ Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

To the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, ²elect 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.

A Heavenly Inheritance

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,

To whom was Peter writing?

In his great mercy, He has
given us new birth into

living hope

through the
resurrection of
Jesus Christ.

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1 Peter 1:3

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.

Though you have not seen him,
you love him; and even though
you do not see him now, you
believe in him and are filled with
an inexpressible and glorious joy,
for you are receiving the
end result of your faith,
the salvation of your souls.

1 Peter 1:8-9



- 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.

Living Before God Our Father

- ¹³ Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest *your* hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; ¹⁴ as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, *as* in your ignorance; ¹⁵ but as He who called you *is* holy, you also be holy in all *your* conduct, ¹⁶ because it is written, “**Be holy, for I am holy.**”*
- ¹⁷ And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one’s work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay *here* in fear; ¹⁸ knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, *like* silver or gold, from your aimless conduct *received* by tradition from your fathers, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

*Lev 11:44-45; 19:2; 20:7

²⁰ He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you ²¹ who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

²² Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

²³ Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

²⁴ Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

Acts 2:22-24 (KJV)

The Enduring Word

²² Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, ²³ having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, ²⁴ because

“All flesh *is* as grass,
And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass.
The grass withers,
And its flower falls away,

²⁵ But the word of the LORD endures forever.”

Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.

1 Peter 2

¹ Therefore, laying aside **all** malice, **all** deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and **all** evil speaking, ² as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord *is* gracious.

- **Malice** (κακιαν, *kakian*) is wicked ill-will; the desire to inflict pain, harm, or injury on our fellow man.
- **Guile, deceit** (δολον, *dolon*) is deliberate dishonesty, falsehood, craft, seduction, slander, and treachery.
- **Hypocrisy** (ὑποκρισειζ, *hypokriseis*), pretended piety and love; pretending to be what one is not; a double heart and a lying tongue.
- **Envy** (φθονουζ, *phthonous*), resentful discontent.
- **Evil speaking, slander** (καταλαλιαζ, *katalalias*), backbiting lies.

1 Peter 2

The Chosen Stone and His Chosen People

⁴ Coming to Him *as to* a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God *and* precious, ⁵ you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

⁶ Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture,

“Behold, I lay in Zion
A chief cornerstone, elect, precious,
And he who believes on Him will by
no means be put to shame.”



⁷ Therefore, to you who believe, *He is* precious; but to those who are disobedient,

“The stone which the builders rejected
Has become the chief cornerstone,”

⁸ and

“A stone of stumbling
And a rock of offense.”

They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed.



¹⁰ Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

¹¹ This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

(Acts 4:10-11, quoting Psalm 118:22)

⁴² Jesus saith unto them, “Did ye never read in the scriptures, ‘The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord’s doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes’?”

(Matthew 21:42, quoting Psalm 118:22-23)

¹⁷ I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

¹⁸ The LORD hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death....

²¹ I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation. ²² The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner. ²³ This is the LORD’S doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

(Psalm 118:17-24)

⁹ But you *are*
 a chosen generation,
 a royal priesthood,
 a holy nation,
 His own special people,

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:
 1 Peter 2:9

that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light; ¹⁰ who once *were* not a people but *are* now **the people of God**, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

Living Before the World

¹¹ Beloved, I beg *you* as sojourners and pilgrims, **abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul**, ¹² having your **conduct** honourable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by *your* good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

Submission to Government

¹³ Therefore **submit yourselves to every ordinance of man** for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, ¹⁴ or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and *for the* praise of those who do good.

¹⁵ For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men— ¹⁶as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God. ¹⁷ Honor all *people*. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

Submission to Masters

¹⁸ Servants, *be* submissive to *your* masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh.

¹⁹ For this *is* commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully.

²⁰ For what credit *is it* if, when you are beaten **for your faults**, you take it patiently? But when you **do good** and suffer, if you take it patiently, this *is* commendable before God.

²¹ For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should **follow His steps**:

²² “Who committed no sin,
Nor was deceit found in His mouth”;

²³ who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed *Himself* to Him who judges righteously; ²⁴ who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.

²⁵ For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.