

1 Peter 1:1

Introduction to the Book of 1 Peter

Overall Structure of the Book

Christian Living 101 (1:1-2:10)

- 1: Summary of Christian Faith (1:3-12)-past, present and future
- 2: Survey of Christian Works (1:13-2:10)-wholeness/holiness, love and teachability

Purpose Statement of the Book (2:11-12)

As spiritual aliens on Earth, Christians should not be controlled by raw emotions/feelings but rather consistently live our faith/in facts so that those who slander us will see the reality of Christ lived out in our lives and glorify God by coming to Him in faith.

Christian Living 102 (2:13-5:14)

- 1: Submission in the Christian Life (2:13-3:12)-to authorities/responsibilities under God
- 2: Suffering in the Christian Life (3:13-5:14)-following the example of Christ

Overall Theme of the Book

When our faith is under fire, believers should refocus on our Christian “hope” in Christ to motivate us to continue to live out our faith in our spiritually hostile world.

Christian “hope” (elpis) = to eagerly anticipate to something that’s coming in the future
Christians are TDY (Temporary Duty) on Planet Earth awaiting PCS (Permanent Change of Station) in Heaven...and so we ought to live with a holy lust (strong desire) to serve (not second-guess) our LORD despite the hardships/challenges we will face in the now.

Overall Application of the Book

Believers are to keep on trusting and obeying the LORD, even when there doesn’t seem to be any “earthly reason” to keep on trusting and obeying the LORD. So, when we feel like we’re at the end of our rope, believers must doubt our doubts and tie a knot in faith resting in the LORD/His will realizing we never have enough info to 2nd guess God.