



~ Thought For The Day ~

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“come just as you are”

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Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, thank You for choosing us and making us one of Your own special people and for calling us out of darkness into Your marvelous light. Protect each of us and our families. I ask that all our needs are met and supplied and that we are blessed with our daily bread to nourish our bodies. Fill us with Your wisdom and give us discernment, in Jesus' name. Amen

Worship Music

What A Wonderful World-
Louie Armstrong

Can You Reach My Friend-
Debbie Boone

You Light Up My Life-
Debbie Boone

Lay Down My Pride-
Jeremy Camp

Scripture

1 Peter introduction (2005)

In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 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 goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

1 Peter 1:6–9

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Peter

For Peter's early life, see The 12 Disciples . Other than his two letters, there are no scriptural records of his later life. As the leader of the Twelve it seems likely that he visited the leading church centers of the Roman world. From Jesus' words in John 21:18 we judge that he must have died a martyr's death. church historians think that there is not sufficient evidence that Peter was ever in Rome. Most of them, however, agree that it is probable that in or about the last year of his life, Peter did go to Rome, either by order of Nero or of his own accord, to help steady the Christians under the terrific blows of Nero's persecutions. is a tradition that says that Peter, giving in to the urging of friends to save himself, was fleeing from Rome when, in the night on the Appian Way, he met Jesus in a vision and said, "Where are you going, Lord?" (*Quo vadis, Domine?*). Jesus answered, "I am going to Rome to be crucified again." Peter, utterly ashamed and humiliated, returned to the city and was crucified upside down at his own request, feeling not worthy to be crucified as his Lord had been. This is only a tradition, and we do not know how much historical fact it may contain.

To Whom?

This letter was written to the churches in Asia Minor (1 Peter 1:1 ; modern-day Turkey, see map The Region Today). or most of these churches had been founded by Paul. We assume that Peter had at one time or another visited these churches, though this is not stated. Paul had written letters to these churches, of which we still have several: Galatians, Ephesians, and Colossians. (First Peter has some striking similarities to Ephesians.) Later, John addressed the book of Revelation to some of the same churches to which Peter wrote this letter.

From Where?

Peter wrote from "Babylon" (5:13). Some take this to be the literal Babylon on the Euphrates, in modern Iraq. Generally it is thought to refer to the city of Rome, figuratively called Babylon. (The same is usually thought to be the case in Revelation 17:5 , 18 .) In those times of persecution, Christians had to be careful how they spoke of the ruling powers, and they had a code name for it that they among themselves would understand, though an outsider would not. was with Peter at the time (1 Peter 5:13), and 2 Timothy 4:11 seems to indicate that Mark may have been in Rome about the time this letter was written.

The Occasion

Nero's persecution of Christians in a.d. 64–67 was very severe in and around Rome, but not in the rest of the Roman Empire, although the example of the emperor encouraged the enemies of Christians everywhere to take advantage of the slightest pretext to persecute Christians. It was a trying time. The church as a whole was about 35 years old. It had suffered persecutions in various places at the hands of local authorities. But now imperial Rome, which had thus far been indifferent—and even in some cases friendly—had accused the church of a terrible crime and was taking steps to punish it (see External Problems: Persecutions). church worldwide was undergoing a time of trial (1 Peter 5:9). It seemed as if the end had come. It was in the most literal sense a "fiery trial" (4:12 kjv). Christians were being burned nightly in Nero's gardens. It did look as if the devil was about to devour the church as a "roaring lion" (5:8). is thought that Peter may have written this letter immediately after Paul's martyrdom, about a.d. 67/68, and sent it with Silas (5:12), who had been one of Paul's helpers, to these churches, which Paul had founded, to encourage them to bear up under their suffering. Silas thus would have personally carried the news of Paul's martyrdom to Paul's churches. the letter was born in the atmosphere of suffering, shortly before Peter's own martyrdom, and exhorted Christians not to think it strange that they had to suffer, reminding them that Christ did His work by suffering (Halley's Bible Handbook; Henry Halley; 2000; Zondervan; history and commentaries; pages 872-874)

Remember that you always have hope in Jesus.

Live a godly life in the midst of an ungodly world.

Be patient and stay faithful in the midst of suffering.

First Peter is such an encouragement to those of us who believe because it reminds us that we always have hope in Jesus. This letter is full of practical advice for everyday living, especially in the midst of hard times, and urges us to keep the glory of our inheritance in view while we are living here on earth.

First Peter teaches us that there is such a thing as godly suffering. Some suffering is done *in* Christ and some is done *for* Him. When a believer suffers in order to do God's will, that is cause for rejoicing (see 1 Peter 4:13). Saying no to self and suffering in the flesh leads to the death of selfishness, and that kind of hardship yields tremendous freedom and strength.

First Peter also calls us to develop lifestyles that are holy and pleasing to the Lord. It addresses not only our behavior, but also our intentions, and causes us to examine our hearts so we can operate from pure motives. The words of this book also give us nuggets of truth to fight the spiritual war and overcome the enemy. It exhorts us to remember that everything about our lives is a witness that tells others something about God, that we are to live humble before God and that above all, we are to love one another intensely (see 1 Peter 4:8).

I hope this book encourages you when you go through trials and difficult times in your life and that it inspires you to develop and maintain godly attitudes and behaviors in every area of your life.

Psalm 50:1-23 (AMP)

- ¹THE MIGHTY One, God, the Lord, speaks and calls the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- ²Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.
- ³Our God comes and does not keep silence; a fire devours before Him, and round about Him a mighty tempest rages.
- ⁴He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that He may judge His people:
- ⁵Gather together to Me My saints [those who have found grace in My sight], those who have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.
- ⁶And the heavens declare His righteousness (rightness and justice), for God, He is judge. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
- ⁷Hear, O My people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify to you *and* against you: I am God, your God.
- ⁸I do not reprove you for your sacrifices; your burnt offerings are continually before Me.
- ⁹I will accept no bull from your house nor he-goat out of your folds.
- ¹⁰For every beast of the forest is Mine, *and* the cattle upon a thousand hills *or* upon the mountains where thousands are.
- ¹¹I know *and* am acquainted with all the birds of the mountains, and the wild animals of the field are Mine *and* are with Me, in My mind.
- ¹²If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are Mine.
- ¹³Shall I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?
- ¹⁴Offer to God the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High,
- ¹⁵And call on Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall honor *and* glorify Me.
- ¹⁶But to the wicked, God says: What right have you to recite My statutes or take My covenant *or* pledge on your lips,
- ¹⁷Seeing that you hate instruction *and* correction and cast My words behind you [discarding them]?
- ¹⁸When you see a thief, you associate with him, and you have taken part with adulterers.
- ¹⁹You give your mouth to evil, and your tongue frames deceit.
- ²⁰You sit and speak against your brother; you slander your own mother's son.
- ²¹These things you have done and I kept silent; you thought I was once entirely like you. But [now] I will reprove you and put [the charge] in order before your eyes.
- ²²Now consider this, you who forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver.
- ²³He who brings an offering of praise *and* thanksgiving honors *and* glorifies Me; and he who orders his way aright [who prepares the way that I may show him], to him I will demonstrate the salvation of God.

(Amplified Bible; The Everyday Life Bible; 2005; Joyce Meyers; Scripture, notes, commentaries; pages 2073)

(Word 9; Bible Software; KJV; Amp; Sermons of Historical pastors; Scripture; concordance; reference materials; 2010)

Psa 119:105

Thy word [is] a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.



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