

1 PETER: OUTLINE

OUR FAITH CAN FACE THE FIRE, BECAUSE...

I. GOD GAVE US HOPE (1 Peter 1)

- A. Even in Suffering, Saints Have Reasons to Be Rejoicing (1:1-12)
 - 1. Rejoice in the Godhead's Decision (1:1-2).
 - 2. Rejoice in the Father's Reward (1:3-5).
 - 3. Rejoice in the Son's Return (1:6-9).
 - 4. Rejoice in the Spirit's Revelation (1:10-12).
- B. Even in Suffering, Saints Have Reasons to Be Righteousness (1:13-25)
 - 1. Live Holy Lives Because You Were Called by God (1:13-16).
 - 2. Live Reverent Lives Because You Were Bought with Blood (1:17-21).
 - 3. Live Pure Lives Because You Have Obeyed the Truth (1:22-25).

II. GOD MADE US HIS (1 Peter 2:1-12)

- A. As God's People, Be Growing (2:1-10).
 - 1. Christians Grow with Spiritual Food (2:1-3).
 - 2. Christians Grow from a Spiritual Foundation (2:4-8).
 - 3. Christians Grow as a Spiritual Family (2:9-10).
- B. As God's Pilgrims, Be Good (2:11-12).
 - 1. Commit Yourselves to Abstain from Unholy Lusts (2:11).
 - 2. Cause Them to Acknowledge Your Holy Lives (2:12).

III. GOD WANTS US HUMBLE (1 Peter 2:13-3:22)

- A. Be Humble Citizens, Willing to Serve (2:13-17).
 - 1. Christians Submit to Government Authority (2:13-14)
 - 2. Christians Serve in God's Liberty (2:15-16)
 - 3. Christians Show All Godly Dignity (2:17)
- B. Be Humble Servants, Willing to Suffer (2:18-25).
 - 1. If You Suffer as a Servant, Remember to Submit with Sincerity (2:18).
 - 2. If You Suffer as a Servant, Remember the Solace of Suffering (2:19-20).
 - 3. If You Suffer as a Servant, Remember the Steps of the Savior (2:21-24).
 - 4. If You Suffer as a Servant, Remember the Shepherd of Your Souls (2:25).
- C. Be Humble Households, Willing to Honor (3:1-7).
 - 1. Wives Honor Husbands by Giving Subjection (3:1-6).
 - 2. Husbands Honor Wives by Showing Gentleness (3:7).
- D. Be Humble Brethren, Willing to Bless (3:8-9).
 - 1. Be Blessings in Your Treatment of Brethren (3:8).
 - 2. Be Blessing When Mistreated by Brethren (3:9).
- E. Be Humble & Righteous, Following the Right (3:10-22).
 - 1. Those Who Follow Good Have Protection (3:10-12) (a psalm of David).
 - 2. Those Who Follow Good Need Preparation (3:13-17) (a summary of Job).
 - 3. Those Who Follow God Have a Pattern (3:18-22) (the steps of Jesus).

IV. GOD LIFTS US HIGHER (1 Peter 4)

- A. Live by a Higher Standard: the Word of God (4:1-6).
- B. Live in a Higher Service: the Work of God (4:7-11).
- C. Live for a Higher Security: the Will of God (4:12-19).

V. GOD GIVES US HELP (1 Peter 5)

- A. God Gives Help When His Shepherds Exercise Authority (5:1-4).
- B. God Gives Help When His Hand Exalts Humility (5:5-7).
- C. God Gives Help When His Grace Empowers Fidelity (5:9-11).
- D. God Gives Help When His Saints Exhibit Charity (5:12-14).