



## Resilient Faith: A Study of 1 Peter

### Weekly Work + 90-Day Bible Reading Plan | March 1

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#### Introduction

We want to be a people who have a resilient faith. Throughout this series, our goal is to help us appreciate the unshakable salvation we have in Christ, embrace our treasured identity as God's chosen people, and learn what it means to live holy and hopeful lives – even in the face of trials.

**So, let's continue through 1 Peter AND our reading of the New Testament!**

#### Read 1 Peter 3:8-22.

Peter continues to deliver a message to Christians about how to live in the world. This week we look at a passage that, again, touches on the theme of suffering and suffering well.

Observe and interpret the passage:

- In verses 8–9, Peter lists five specific attitudes Christians should have toward one another. What are they, and how does the command in verse 9 ("Do not repay evil... but... bless") connect to or flow from those attitudes? What Old Testament passage does Peter quote in verses 10-12 to support this way of life?
- Verses 13–17 discuss suffering for doing good rather than evil. What assurances does Peter give believers facing potential harm or slander (e.g., in verses 14 and 16)?
- In verses 18–22, Peter points to Christ's suffering as the ultimate example. Compare verse 18 ("Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous") with earlier themes in the letter (e.g., 2:21-25). What three key



events in Christ's work are highlighted in verses 18-22, and how do they culminate in verse 22?

Apply the passage:

1. Peter calls believers to unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, tender heart, and humility (verse 8). Which of these five qualities comes most naturally to you in relationships? Which one do you find most challenging, and why?
2. When someone treats you wrongly or speaks ill of you, how often do you repay evil with evil or reviling with reviling (verse 9)? Think of a recent situation; how might blessing instead of cursing change your response and potentially your outcome?
3. Peter says it is better to suffer for doing good than for doing evil (verse 17). Reflect on a time when you faced consequences (even small ones) for standing for what's right. How did (or could) viewing Christ's example (verse 18) bring comfort or strength in that moment?
4. The passage ends with Christ's triumph - seated at God's right hand with all powers subjected to Him (verse 22). In what areas of your life (anxiety, relationships, future uncertainties) do you need to more actively trust and rest in this reality of His victory and authority? How might remembering your baptism (verse 21) help in this regard?

### New Testament Reading Plan

Below is the reading plan for our journey through the New Testament. Each day, set aside a few minutes to read through the text. The goal isn't to solve every riddle or answer every question. The goal is simply to pour God's Words into your mind and heart! After each day's reading, reflect. Use the following questions to help you do so:

- How are you coming to today's reading?



- What stood out to you or resonated with you?
- How does today's reading apply to your life?

After you've finished reading, move to the prayer portion of your weekly devotions to finish your time. Here's the reading for this week:

- Day 1: Ephesians 4-6, Psalms 91-93
- Day 2: Philippians 1-2, Psalms 94-96
- Day 3: Philippians 3-4, Psalms 97-100
- Day 4: Colossians 1-2, Psalm 101
- Day 5: Colossians 3-4, Psalm 102
- Day 6: 1 Thessalonians 1-3, Psalm 103
- Day 7: 1 Thessalonians 4-5, Psalm 104

### Pray

Based on your time in God's Word today (either in 1 Peter or in the New Testament), write a prayer to the Lord. Share with him your questions, what resonated, where you feel challenged, where you're hoping to grow, where you experienced resistance or difficulty in reading, etc. Use the space below to write your prayer.