



Big Photo:

Just like Bo Xilai, who is on trial for corruption and abuse of power, we are sinners hoping for the redemption that God offers through Jesus Christ.

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I Peter
Epistle of Hope

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Martin Story: Cat
in the Drainpipe



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Author:

● 1:1: Peter, an apostle of
Jesus Christ

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Recipients:

- 1:1 “...To those who are elect exiles...”
ESV
- ‘God’s chosen scattered people’
- “Peter writes to Christians who struggle because they live in this world but are really citizens of heaven.” LSB 2149
- General Letter

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Date written:

- Read Ephesians 1:1-3 and I Peter 1: 1-3
- Read Colossians 3:22 and IP 2:18
- Has read Ephesians and Colossians, so after 60.
- Peter died during the reign of Nero, who died in 68.
- So....65 AD?

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Purpose:

- “The basic theme of I Peter is the proper response to Christian suffering. Knowing that his readers will be facing more persecution than ever before, Peter writes to give a divine perspective so that they will endure without wavering.” (CBH 316)
- Hope. We hope for Christ’s victory to relieve us from the suffering in our lives.

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Keys

- Key Chapter (Required Reading): 4
- Key Verses: 4:12-13, “Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.” ESV

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TCF #1: Simon Peter in Matthew's Gospel

Matthew 4:18—called by Jesus

14:28-32 "Lord, if it's you...Lord Save Me!
...You of little faith, why did you doubt..."

17:1 the Transfiguration, "Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John..."17:6... "terrified"

26:37, Garden of Gethsemane, "He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him and he began to be sorrowful and troubled"

26:69-70 "I don't know what you're talking about"



<http://www.bible-graphics.com/Peter-1.jpg>

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TCF #1 Simon Peter in John's Gospel

John 20: 1-9, 9: "They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead"



<http://www.gawronski.com/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/2012-03-14-01-2514>

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TCF #1: Simon Peter in Acts

• Acts 2: 14-36 Holy cats! Is this the same guy who couldn't walk on water with Jesus?

• ...the same guy who didn't understand that Jesus had to die on the cross until AFTER his death

• Here, he stands up in front of a crowd, and gives an amazing speech, quotes OT Scripture, dazzles the crowd with faith, "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ. When the people heard this they were cut to the heart..."

2:36-37



http://dtdnews.org/pdfs/acts/Acts_2_Peter_speech_at_Pentecost_2.jpg

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TCF #2

• In I Peter, he sounds like that Peter in Acts 2; dazzling us with strong, inspired faith

• I Peter 1:13 "Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ."ESV

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TCF #3

- Triumph of Christ
- 1:3-9
- 1:3 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead..."ESV

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TCF #4

- Quotes Isaiah four times...
- 2:6, 2:8, 2:22, 3:14
- Four times show OT prophecy fulfilled by/in Jesus Christ

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TCF #5

- Follow Christ's example of how to deal with suffering: 4:1

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TCF #6

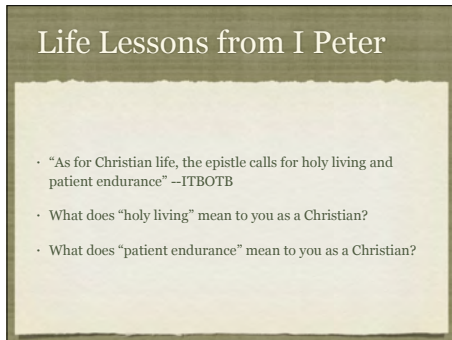


- 5:2: "shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight,**[a]** not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you;**[b]** not for shameful gain, but eagerly..."ESV
- Why does Peter use the analogy of sheep & shepherds?
- John 10: 1-18; "I am the Good Shepherd"; John 21: 15-21 "Feed my lambs...take care of my sheep"
- Because he was a good listener when Jesus was using this same analogy!

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