

I and II Peter

“Jesus Christ, the Precious Cornerstone of Our Faith”

I. Background and Setting:

A. Written in @ A.D. 67...

1) The author:

2) The writer:

B. To the ‘scattered strangers’ across Asia...

1) These are new _____ converts.

2) Suffering incredible _____.

C. Key verses and focus:

1) I Peter 1:3-4... Focuses on a _____ hope, and an _____ inheritance.

2) I Peter 2:4-7a... Focuses on the chief _____ and foundation of our faith...Jesus Christ.

Note: He turns the focus from temporal to eternal. From their earthly standing to their heavenly standing. (I Peter 2:9)

D. Five precious things:

1. Precious trial of faith...I Peter 1:7

2. Precious blood.....I Peter 1:19

3. Precious Cornerstone...I Peter 2:4-6

4. Precious faith.....II Peter 1:1

5. Precious promises...II Peter 1:4

E. ‘Suffer’ and ‘Suffering’ recorded at least 12 times.

II. The man Peter:

A. Peter was _____, impulsive, and _____.

* He was all over the map, in the gospels!

B. Three classic examples:

1) Mark 9:2-8...Mt. of Transfiguration

2) Matthew 16:13-16, 22-23... “Thou art the Christ”

3) John 18:10-11, 17, 25-27... Defends, then Denies 3 x’s

* Peter ought to be _____.

* Yet, the Lord, following His resurrection, says...

“Tell the disciples, and _____”.

Note: Peter is so easy to identify with... He is so ‘flawed’. Yet, we see him grow in grace, and transition from instability to stability.

* He _____!

C. Three lessons that Peter has learned:

1) Peter has learned the importance of _____.

* Luke 22:31-32

2) Peter has learned the necessity of _____.

* I Peter 5:5-6

3) Peter has learned dependance upon his _____.

* I Peter 3:14-16, 4:19

** On the cusp of incredible persecution, the Holy Spirit of God, through Peter, reminds every Believer who reads these two epistles that the ‘chaos of culture’ and the ‘madness of Rome’ are under divine management!