



1 Peter

1:1-9



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Two big questions Peter is answering:

1. Why is God letting these bad things happen?
2. How are we supposed to live in the midst of the bad things?

1 Peter 1:1-2: Who wrote?

1:1 “Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ...”

1 Peter 1:1-2: Who did he write to?

1:1: “...scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia...”

Acts 2:9: “...residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia...”

1 Peter 1:1-2: Why did he write?

Peter starts answering the two questions:

1. You can trust God because he knows all things! (verse 2)
2. You can obey Jesus because he's forgiven you by his blood, and his Spirit lives in you! (verse 2)

1 Peter 1: What did he write?

Main Idea Part 1: Our hope helps us trust God in trials.

1 Peter 1:3-5: We can trust God in trials

We can trust God in trials because...

1. Our eternal hope is a BIG deal (verses 3-4)
2. Our eternal hope is a SURE deal (verse 5)

1 Peter 1:6-9: Trials bring us closer to Jesus

The “reason” for all trials is that we grow closer to Jesus. (verses 7-9)

1. Trials grieve us (verse 6)
2. Trials grow us (verses 7-9)

1 Peter 1: What did he write?

Main Idea Part 1: Our hope helps us trust God in trials.

Main Idea Part 2: Trials help us love Jesus.

1 Peter 1: What did he write?

Main Idea: Our hope helps us trust God in trials, because trials help us love Jesus.

Applying the passage today

1. Do trials make you more like Jesus?
2. Do trials make you like Jesus?
3. Do trials make you love Jesus?