

BORN INTO A LIVING HOPE

Stay The Course Series – 1 Peter 1:1-12

HOW YOU WERE SAVED?

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HOW DO YOU KNOW YOU ARE SAVED?

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HOW AWESOME IS IT THAT YOU ARE SAVED?

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1 Peter was written by the apostle Peter as affirmed in 1:1 and by the author's claim to be an "eyewitness of the sufferings of Christ" in 5:1. The letter's composition was likely between A.D. 62-63 during the reign of the emperor Nero.

The main theme of the letter is that those who persevere in faith while suffering persecution should be full of hope, for they will certainly enjoy end-time salvation since they are already enjoying God's saving promises here and now through the death and resurrection of Christ.

The book moves in a fluid manner between two poles: the *riches* that believers have in Christ and the *duties* they need to shoulder, within the implied situation of their living in a hostile surrounding culture.

Christians are to endure suffering for the sake of Christ, looking back on Christ's sufferings and forward to the consummation of salvation in his second coming.

You will find that the book of 1 Peter is very relevant to today's cultural climate and though the world seems to be changing at a very rapid rate for the worse, we, as Christ-followers need to *Stay the Course* and stand on the unchangeable, Word of God.

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