

“A Living Hope”

Peter’s Big Idea: How Do We Live as Christians in our Context?

To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia. 1 Peter 1:1

Peter is writing in the early 60s to encourage a series of small churches throughout northwestern Asia Minor (Turkey) in three areas of focus:

1. Know your salvation – who you are in Jesus Christ. It’ll change how you look at everything.
2. Know what it means to be the Church – God loves and protects His children.
3. Live your life confidently in God’s grace, even as the world opposes you.

1 Peter’s Relevance to 2018

- Peter’s letter was intended especially for those who were socially marginalized and suffering, encouraging them to endure persecution and to live faithful, holy, and loving lives, because they are part of God’s family.
- The Christian experience of social marginalization and suffering has been, until recently, far from common in our “first world” experiences.
- 1 Peter is more important and relevant for us today. As society’s resistance to the Christian faith intensifies social marginalization and suffering becomes increasingly common.

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1. God _____ faith, _____ an inheritance,
_____ it, and _____ it. 1 Peter 1:3-5
2. Life tests faith, reveals its _____, and results in
_____. 1 Peter 1:6-7
3. Holding on with _____ because _____.
1 Peter 1:8-9

