

Jesus' First Follower

A Study of 1 & 2 Peter

1 Peter Chapter 1

Election: How were we chosen?

Trials: Why does the world periodically persecute Christians?

Discussion:

1. Do you think of yourself as “chosen by the foreknowledge of God?” What difference would that make to you?
2. What is the “sanctification of the Spirit?” Looking back on your Christian life, how can you see the effects of the Spirit on your thoughts, emotions, and actions?
3. Does it frighten you or reassure you to hear warnings of trials from Peter and the early Christians?

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The World of Peter's Ministry

	A.D.	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80
Peter becomes a disciple of Jesus (A.D. 28/30)		■										
Just before the crucifixion, Peter denies Jesus (30/33)		■										
Death, resurrection of Jesus (33 [or 30])†		■										
Peter witnesses resurrection, preaches at Pentecost (30/33)		■										
Peter becomes key church leader (30/33)		■										
Peter witnesses to Cornelius (38*)				●								
Peter imprisoned by Agrippa, rescued (41–44*)				■								
Peter leaves Jerusalem (44)				●								
Peter goes to Rome (50–54*)						■						
Nero's reign (54–68)								■				
Peter writes first letter, from Rome (62–63*)									●			
Fire in Rome; Nero blames, kills many Christians (64 [July 19])									●			
Peter, after writing second letter, is martyred in Rome (64–67*)									■			

Timeline of Major Events in the Life of Peter

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