

**CHURCH FAMILY CAMP**  
**15-20 March 2026**  
**“PERFECTING HOLINESS” 2 Corinthians 7:1**

**MORNING BIBLE STUDY PART 1**  
**Text: 1 Peter 1**

**Monday, 16 March 2026**

**OVERVIEW OF 1 PETER**

**1. Great Persecution of Christians and the Church**

**2. The period of strong growth of the Church at Jerusalem came to an end all too soon**

**3. The Book of Acts offers a historical overview of the Growth of the Church**

- a) Jerusalem
- b) All Judea
- c) Samaria
- d) The end of the earth            Acts 1:8

**4. It also noted the persecution of the Church**

- a) By the Sanhedrin Council    Acts 4-8
- b) By the secular rulers
- c) Stephen was the first martyr of the Church    Acts 6-7
- d) Intense persecution took place    Acts 8:1

**5. Different types of Churches emerged**

- a) Local church  
The Apostles and others founded the churches
- b) Diaspora church
  - i) Many believers were scattered    Acts 8:1
  - ii) The scattering became even more severe with the passing of time
- c) The Church was in danger
- d) Many lives were at stake

- e) The Apostles rose to the occasion and wrote earnestly to encourage the church at large

## **6. The Apostles who ministered to the Diaspora Church**

- a) The Apostle Peter
- b) The Apostle James
- c) The Apostle John

## **7. Their ministries expanded**

- a) Strengthening of the Churches through visiting them
- b) Biblical Epistles/ Letters (Literature ministry)
- c) Their personal lives were a stirring testimony of faith and courage

## **APPROACH TO THE STUDY OF 1 PETER**

1. An Overview of each Chapter
2. Special Focus on the subject of "Holiness"
3. And "Perfecting work"

### **1 PETER 1**

#### **1. An Overview**

- a) The Church of God described
- b) It is made up of "Pilgrims of the Dispersion" 1 Peter 1:1

#### **2. An Appreciation of the Fundamentals of our Salvation in the Lord Jesus 1 Peter 1:1-5**

- a) Elect 1 Peter 1:2a
- b) The foreknowledge of God the Father 1 Peter 1:2b
- c) In sanctification of the Spirit 1 Peter 1:2c
- d) For obedience 1 Peter 1:2d

- e) Sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ      1 Peter 1:2e
- f) Begotten to a living hope      1 Peter 1:3a
- g) Through the resurrection of the Lord Jesus      1 Peter 1:3b
- h) To an inheritance reserved in heaven      1 Peter 1:4
  - i) incorruptible
  - ii) undefiled
  - iii) Does not fade away
- i) Kept by the power of God      1 Peter 1:5a
- j) Through faith for salvation to be revealed      1 Peter 1:5b

## **UNDERSTANDING SUFFERING IN LIFE**

### **1 Peter 1:6-8**

#### **1. Suffering described**

- a) Various trials      1 Peter 1:6
- b) Testing      1 Peter 1:7

#### **2. Facing Suffering dynamically**

- a) Genuineness of Faith      1 Peter 1:7
- b) Faith found to the praise, honour and glory of the Lord      1 Peter 1:7
- c) Love for the Lord      1 Peter 1:8
- d) Believing and Rejoicing with joy inexpressible      1 Peter 1:8

## **A DEEPER APPRECIATION OF SALVATION**

### **1 Peter 1:10-12**

#### **1. The prophets sought to understand God's Plan of salvation      1 Peter 1:10**

#### **2. Aspects they sought to fathom:**

- a) The gift of grace
- b) When this salvation would take place

- c) The sufferings of the Lord Jesus Christ

**3. The Lord revealed certain aspects to them**

- a) The Gospel message
- b) The ministry of the Holy Spirit
- c) A short list of prophets  
Isaiah, Jeremiah, Joel, Micah, Zechariah

**FOCUS: A STUDY OF THE DOCTRINE OF HOLINESS**

**1 Peter 1:13-25**

- 1. As obedient children** **1 Peter 1:14**
- 2. He who has called you is holy** **1 Peter 1:15**
- 3. You also be holy in all your conduct** **1 Peter 1:15**
- 4. Because it is written**  
    **“Be holy, for I am holy.”** **1 Peter 1:16**
- 5. Remembering our redemption** **1 Peter 1:17-21**
  - a) Not redeemed with corruptible things
  - b) Redeemed from aimless conduct
  - c) Rescued from traditions that are not helpful
  - d) Redeemed by the precious blood of the Lord Jesus
    - i) A lamb without blemish
    - ii) Without spot
    - iii) Foreordained before the foundation of the world
  - e) Faith and Hope in God
- 6. How God will judge us** **1 Peter 1:17**
  - a) He will judge impartially
  - b) He will judge according to our work
- 7. Purification of the soul** **1 Peter 1:22**
  - a) In obeying the truth
  - b) Through the Spirit
  - c) Sincere love for the brethren

## **PRACTICAL AND LOGICAL RAMIFICATIONS**

1. Not conforming yourselves to the former lusts (ignorance)      1 Peter 1:14
2. Be holy in all your conduct      1 Peter 1:15
3. Conduct yourselves in fear (of the Lord)      1 Peter 1:17
4. Love one another fervently with a pure heart      1 Peter 1:22
5. Having been born again      1 Peter 1:23
6. Through the word of God that lives and abides forever      1 Peter 1:23, 25
7. The word of God in contrast to the glory of man      1 Peter 1:24
8. The word of the Gospel that is preached      1 Peter 1:25b