

Agape Life Bible Study

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Hunger for Holiness

LIVING PURE IN AN IMPURE WORLD

A STUDY OF 1 PETER

Lesson 1

Reviewing the Situation

1 Peter 1:1-9

January 5, 2025



Bible Study Prayer

**Father, as we turn to the Bible,
What we know not - teach us,
What we have not - give us,
What we are not - make us,
For your Son's sake,
Amen.**



Reviewing the Situation – 1 Peter 1:1-9

Peter's Purpose 1 Peter 5:12

**My purpose in writing is to encourage you
and assure you that what you are experiencing
is truly part of God's grace for you.
Stand firm in this grace.**



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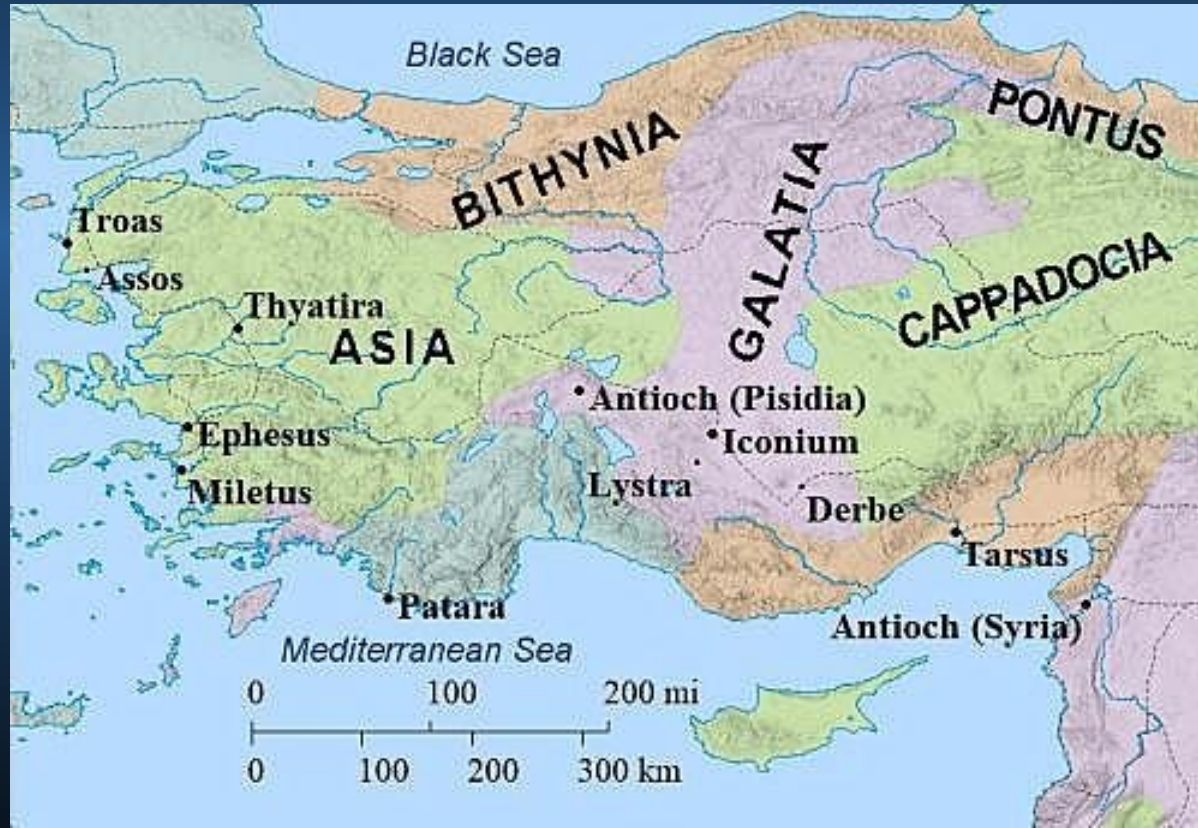
Peter's Audience 1 Peter 1:1-2

**The elect exiles
of the Dispersion
in
Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia,
Asia, and Bithynia**



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Tacitus – Nero's Persecution of Christians

Christian were . . .

- 1. Blamed for the Great Fire**
- 2. Subjected to brutal punishments and torture**
- 3. Subjected to public spectacle (human torches)**
- 4. Accused of hatred against humanity**



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General Persecution of Christians

- 1. Public Executions**
- 2. Confiscation of Property**
- 3. Social Ostracism**
- 4. Imprisonment and Torture**
- 5. Forced Apostasy**



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1st Century Christians in Rome
VS
21st Century Christians in America



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Are we persecuted in America because of our faith?

**Do we like to complain about the decay of
religious liberty in our country?**

**Do we as Americans face trials and tribulations
because of our faith?**



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1 Peter 1:3-5

**How do each of these phrases
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1 Peter 1:6-9

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Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice.

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A Final Thought



**Read the headlines. Watch the news. Listen to the radio.
Talk to your friends. Talk to your family.
You know that we live in a fallen world full of fallen people
who do despicable things for detestable reasons.
For the Christian this can be discouraging, hopeless,
and at times even fearful.**

**Jesus said, “In this world you will have trouble.
But take heart – I have overcome the world.”
(John 16:33)**





A Closing Prayer



- **Pray for our class and for yourself individually that we may learn how to live Godly lives in an**
 - **un-Godly world.**
- **Pray for me as your teacher that I will be able to adequately guide you in that process.**
- **Pray for those who are facing persecution that they may respond as Peter instructs them to.**
- **Pray that we may seize the freedom and lack of true persecution to more boldly share the Gospel.**



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Next Week

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The Pursuit of Holiness 1 Peter 1:10-17



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