

Outline of 1 Peter

Theme: The believers' good public conduct and patience in the midst of trials will mature the believer, edify the Church, and is a witness of God's grace and salvation to the world.

- I. (1:1-2) Those in Christ, who have been dispersed among foreign lands, have been chosen by God and sanctified by the Holy Spirit so that they may be obedient to Christ and experience grace.
- II. (1:3-2:3) The believers' salvation, which has been given by God and made possible by Christ, is tested by trials and should be responded to with reverence towards God and good conduct by believers.
 - A. (1:3-12) Salvation, made possible by Christ's resurrection, is a gracious gift from God that is perfected by God through trials.
 - 1. (1:3-6) God's mercy has provided a sure and eternal inheritance, made possible Christ's resurrection, which has been given to Peter's readers and is protected by God causing them to rejoice though they suffer trials.
 - 2. (1:7-9) Trials have come to Peter's readers so that their faith can be made genuine resulting in their eventual salvation and praise and deep love for Christ.
 - 3. (1:10-12) The gracious gift of salvation experienced by Peter's readers, which even angels have desire to understand, was revealed before their time by the Spirit of Christ and spoken of by the prophets.
 - B. (1:13-17) Self-control, holiness and fearful reverence is encouraged in Peter's readers as they are called to prepare their minds and become obedient to God the Father who judges each man impartially.
 - C. (1:18-21) Christ is the source of salvation through whom believers hope in God.
 - 1. (1:18-19) The sacrifice of Christ, not the traditions of men, is the source of salvation.
 - 2. (1:20-21) Christ's preordained status was revealed in Peter's time so men would believe and hope in God through him.
 - D. (1:22) Sincere love towards one another is encouraged by Peter as the believers have been obedient to the truth.
 - E. (1:23-25) The eternal word of God, which has been preached to Peter's readers, is the foundation of their new birth.
 - F. (2:1-3) The eternal word of God, which has been preached to Peter's readers, is the foundation of their new birth.
- III. (2:4-4:19) Believers', united by God in Christ, are encouraged to endure suffering with joy knowing that salvation is prepared for them, be compassionate, and understanding with one another and by so doing silently witness to unbelievers both of God's grace towards the believer and his judgement towards the unbeliever.
 - A. (2:4-10) God's people have been build upon the cornerstone by God and thus made one people when once they were not one.
 - 1. (2:4-8) The cornerstone is the basis upon which God, builds believers, into a spiritual house, but is a stumbling block to unbelievers and is rejected by them.
 - 2. (2:9-10) God's chosen people, who were once separate, have been brought together by God's mercy to declare praises to God.
 - B. (2:11-18) The believer's public conduct will testify to the unbeliever and silence those who slander God's people.

THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF
A GOOD STUDENT OUTLINE
LONGER METHOD