

An Overview of 1 Peter

1. 1 Peter 1:1-2:10 — What is our new identity in Jesus?
2. 1 Peter 2:11-3:18 — What does it look like to live a holy life in an everyday world?
3. 1 Peter 3:19-4:19 — What does it look like to live a holy life when facing hard times?

Try to stop unjust suffering by doing what is good.

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? 1 Peter 3:13 (ESV)

"But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, Luke 6:27 (ESV)

So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. Galatians 6:10 (ESV)

See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. 1 Thessalonians 5:15 (ESV)

For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. 1 Peter 2:15 (ESV)

When unjust suffering doesn't stop, how do I endure?

But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, ... 1 Peter 3:14 (ESV)

Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. John 15:20 (ESV)

1. Know I am blessed.

But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed... 1 Peter 3:14 (ESV)

For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil." 1 Peter 3:12 (ESV)

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. Matthew 5:10–12 (ESV)

2. Don't be afraid.

...Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, 1 Peter 3:14 (ESV)

"Do not call conspiracy all that this people calls conspiracy, and do not fear what they fear, nor be in dread. But the LORD of hosts, him you shall honor as holy. Let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. Isaiah 8:12–13 (ESV)

And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Matthew 10:28 (ESV)

3. In my heart honor Christ as Lord.

but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, ... 1 Peter 3:15 (ESV)

So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?" Hebrews 13:6 (ESV)

4. Use the opportunity to tell people about the kindness of God through Jesus.

...always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you;... 1 Peter 3:15 (ESV)

5. Keep a good conscience by speaking of my enemies with gentleness and respect.

...yet do this with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. 1 Peter 3:16 (ESV)

When enduring unjust suffering remember that suffering for what is right is very different than suffering for what is wrong.

For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. 1 Peter 3:17 (ESV)

Conclusion - The Jacob DeShazar Story

January 25 — 1 Peter 3:18-22 - What good can come from unjust suffering?
February 1 — 1 Peter 4:1-6 - Living a New Life



How Do I Endure Unjust Suffering?



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