

# I Peter



*Practical Insights for Living Life*

# Our Goals:

- Consider the background & setting
- Be stirred up by way of reminders
- Return home with a hunger to deep dive

# I. The Writer

Peter, an Apostle of Jesus Christ ~ 1 Peter 1:1

- Uniquely Suited
- Defining moment
- Jesus' Prophecy Concerning Him

## II. The Setting

- Christianity in the Roman Empire
- Emperor Successions
- State of Affairs for Believers



DALMATIA

Black Sea

THRACE

PONTUS

Adriatic Sea

BITHYNIA

Rome

Phillipi

MACEDONIA

Troas

CAPPADOCIA

ITALY

GREECE

ASIA MINOR

Aegean Sea

ACHAIA

Ephesus

Colossae

Antioch

Tyrrhenian Sea

Ionian Sea

Nicopolis

Corinth

CYPRUS

RHODES

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SICILY

CRETE

PHOENICIA

SAMARIA

JUDEA

NUMIDIA

MALTA

Mediterranean Sea

TRIPOLITANIA

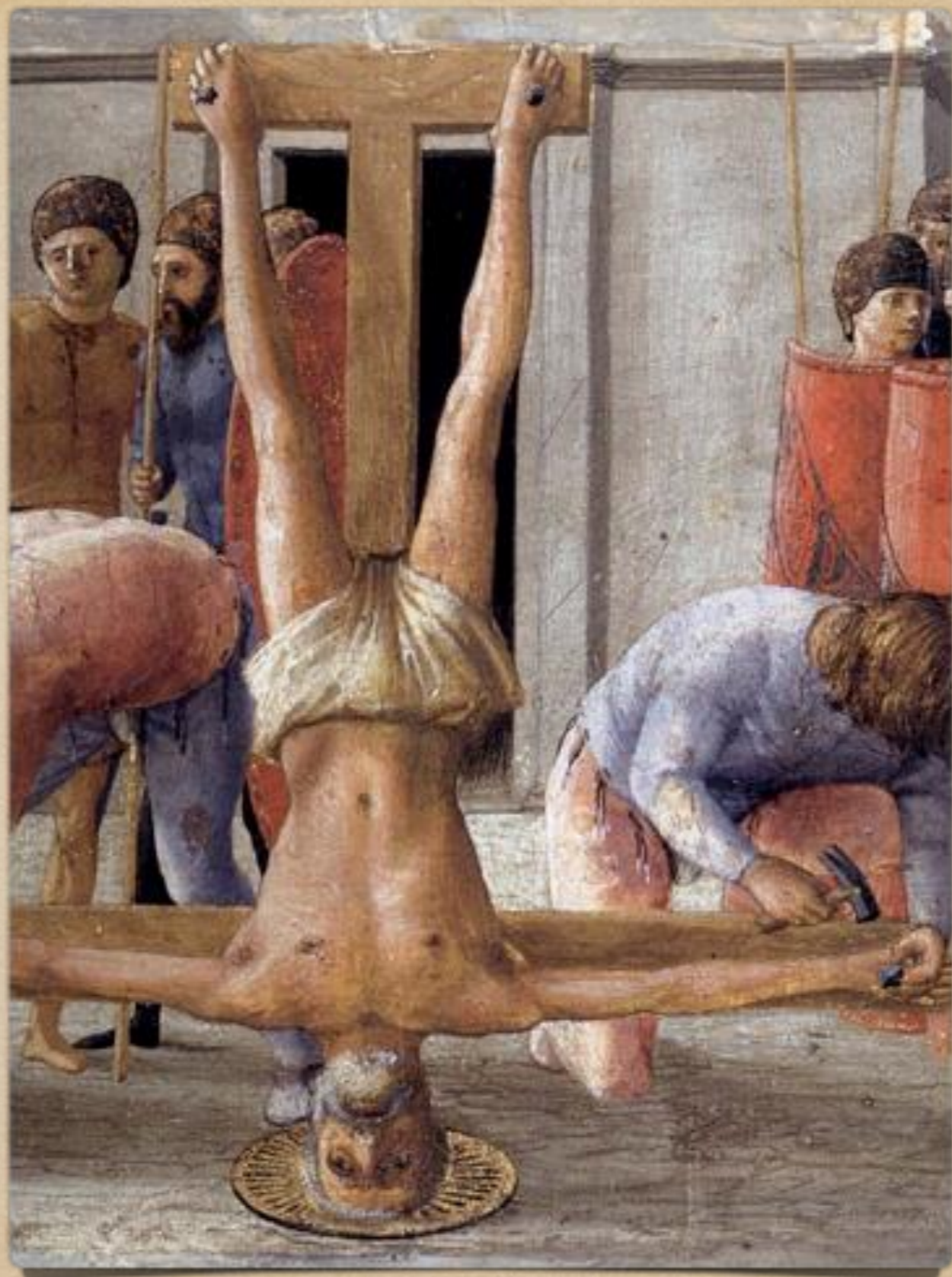
CYRENAICA

LYBIA

Alexandria

EGYPT

ARABIA



# III. The Dynamics

- Not a bleak letter...
- Filled with hope and practical counsel
- A book that should be read & studied regularly

# IV. The Purpose

- No Guessing needed...
- I have written briefly to you, exhorting and declaring that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it!  
**1 Peter 5:12**



# V. Life Messages

- Continually Commit Yourself to Obedience
- Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, who are chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, **to obey Jesus Christ... 1 Peter 1:1-2**

# V. Life Messages <sup>2</sup>

- Embrace Adversity

- In all this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you may have been distressed by various trials. **1 Peter 1:6**
- Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when His glory is revealed. **1 Peter 4:12-13**

# V. Life Messages <sup>3</sup>

- Be Pro-Active in Biblical Convictions & Keep Growing in the Word
- Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. **1 Peter 1:13**
- Putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander, like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the Word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation. **1 Peter 2:1**

# V. Life Messages 4

- View All Sin as a Relational Violation
- As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior... **1 Peter 1:14-15**
- For "Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. 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 3:10-12**

# V. Life Messages <sup>5</sup>

- Remember Who Owns You
- But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light. **1 Peter 2:9**

# V. Life Messages <sup>6</sup>

- Live a Life Marked by Love

- Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart. **1 Peter 1:22**
- Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble in spirit. **1 Peter 3:8**
- Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. **1 Peter 4:8**

# V. Life Messages

- Continually Grow

- Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. **1 Peter 2:2**

# V. Life Messages

- Husbands Live with Your Wives

- You husbands in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered. **1 Peter 3:7**



# V. Life Messages

- Guard Your Conscience

- Keep a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. **1 Peter 3:16**
- Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day He visits us.  
**1 Peter 2:12**

# V. Life Messages

- Serve Others
- As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good servants of the manifold grace of God. **1 Peter 4:10**

# V. Life Messages

- Know the Supreme Purpose of Your Life

- Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

**1 Peter 4:11**

- To Him be the power for ever and ever. Amen. **1 Peter 5:11**

# V. Life Messages

- Humble Yourself
- You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE. Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time.  
**1 Peter 5:5-6**

# V. Life Messages

- Give God Your Anxieties
- Casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you. **1 Peter 5:7**

# V. Life Messages

- Be on the Alert

- Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in your faith... **1 Peter 5:8-9**