

Outline of 1st Peter

1. Salutation (1:1-2)
 - a. Introduction of the author (1:1a)
 - b. Identification of the addressees (1:1b-2)
2. Our so great salvation (1:3-1:12)
 - a. A living hope (1:3)
 - b. A certain inheritance (1:4-5)
 - c. Inexpressible joy (1:6-9)
 - 1) Joy in the face of suffering (1:6-7)
 - 2) Joy in knowing Christ (1:8-9)
 - d. Salvation in revelation (1:10-12)
3. Response: holy conduct (1:13-2:3)
 - a. Called to holiness (1:13-16)
 - b. Conduct worthy of our Redeemer (1:17-21)
 - c. Purification through God's word (1:22-2:3)
 - 1) Purified for genuine love (1:22)
 - 2) The enduring word of God (1:23-25)
 - 3) Putting aside our old ways (2:1)
 - 4) Nourishment from God's word (2:2-3)
4. Building a new people of God (2:4-10)
 - a. Christ – the precious, chosen stone (2:4)
 - b. A new house, a new priesthood (2:5)
 - c. Christ – the corner stone (2:6)
 - d. Unbelievers reject Him (2:7-8)
 - e. The chosen people of God (2:9-10)
5. A call to proper behavior (2:11-3:12)
 - a. Before the world (2:11-25)
 - 1) Proper behavior preserves our witness (2:11-12)
 - 2) Submission to authority (2:13-20)
 - 3) Christ is our example (2:21-25)
 - b. Within the family (3:1-7)
 - 1) Wives (3:1-6)
 - 2) Husbands (3:7)
 - c. Walking in righteousness (3:8-12)
6. Suffering and persecution (3:13-4:6)
 - a. Suffer for what is right (3:13-17)
 - b. Christ suffered for us and is now exalted (3:18-22)
 - c. Suffering, sin and persecution (4:1-6)
7. Living in view of the end (4:7-11)
 - a. Focus on prayer (4:7)
 - b. Love one another (4:8-9)
 - c. Serve one another (4:10-11)

8. Suffering and persecution (4:12-19)
 - a. Rejoicing in our suffering (4:12-13)
 - b. Blessed when reviled for Christ (4:14)
 - c. Suffer according to God's will (4:15-19)
9. Exhortation to be responsible (5:1-11)
 - a. Elders are to shepherd (5:1-4)
 - b. Young men are to submit (5:5)
 - c. All must be humble (5:6-7)
 - d. All must stand firm (5:8-11)
10. Concluding words (5:12-14)
 - a. The ministry of Silvanus (5:12a)
 - b. Stand firm in God's grace (5:12b)
 - c. Greetings (5:13-14)