

Conclusion

“Prepare your minds for action ... Arm yourselves with the same attitude (as Christ) ... Be self controlled and alert ... commit [yourself] to [your] faithful Creator and continue to do good ... Stand firm.” (1:13, 4:1, 4:19, 5:8, 5:12).

Core Seminars—New Testament

Class 21: 1 Peter:

The Enemies of the Kingdom (II)



Introduction

“If anyone would come after me he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me” (Matthew 16:24).

I. Purpose

II. Date & Audience

III. Structure & Outline

Chapter 1:1-2: God's Elect, Strangers in the World

To God's elect, strangers in the world, scattered throughout ... (1:1)

Chapter 1:3—2:10: The High Privilege and Calling of Being Elect Strangers

But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." (1:15-16)

Chapter 2:11—4:11: A Lifestyle Different From, Yet Attractive to the World

Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake (2:13)

Chapter 4:12—5:14: Responding to Suffering

Do not be surprised ... but rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ. (4:12-13)

The Goal of 1 Peter: *"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." (2:12)*

IV. Major Themes

A. Holiness and suffering

B. Christ's suffering and ours

C. Future vindication

D. Right responses to suffering

1. Witness

2. Love

3. Submit