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"As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received."

## **Ephesians 4:1**

"So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking."

## Ephesians 4:17

"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light"

## Ephesians 5:8

"For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,

## Titus 2:11-14

while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good."

## Titus 2:11-14

"Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God."

## 1 Peter 1:22-23





## Believers should follow Christ's example by joyfully enduring persecution.

#### CONTEXT

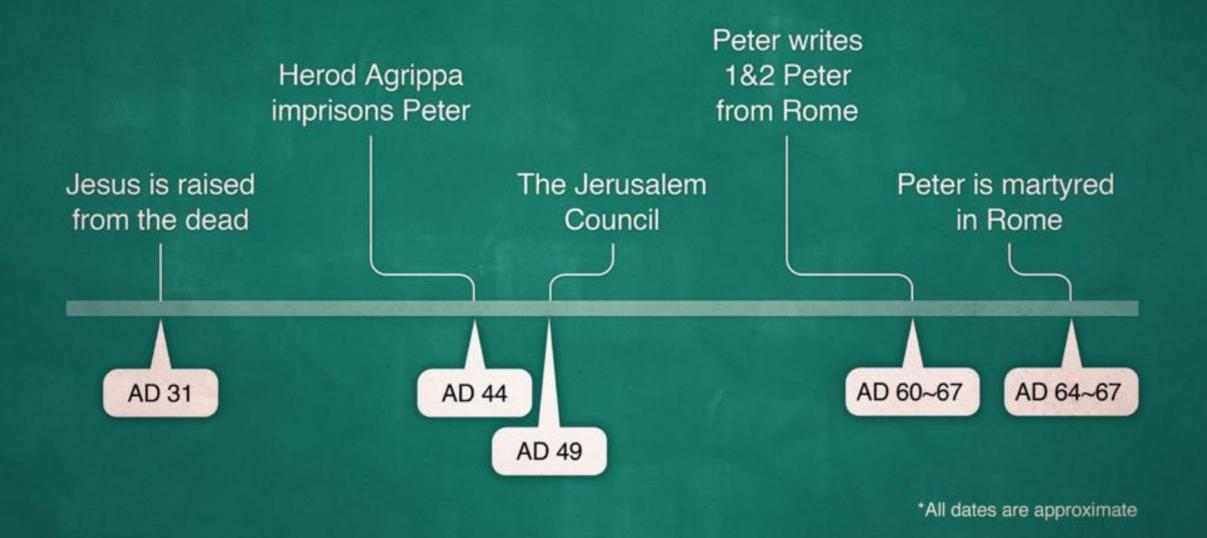


## Written by Peter to believers in Asia Minor ca. AD 60–67



#### TIMELINE

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### OUTLINE



Salutation and Thanksgiving (1:1-12)
 Exhortation to Holiness (1:13-2:10)
 Living as Christians in the World (2:11-3:12)
 Living with Persecution (3:13-5:11)
 Conclusion (5:12-14)

Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because he who has suffered in his body is done with sin. As a result, he does not live the rest of his earthly life for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God.

For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do—living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry. They think it strange that you do not plunge with them into the same flood of dissipation, and they heap abuse on you.

But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. For this is the reason the gospel was preached even to those who are now dead, so that they might be judged according to men in regard to the body, but live according to God in regard to the spirit.

The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray. Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.



## **1. Different from before** Verses 1-3

"Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin."

## 1 Peter 4:1

"For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit."

## 1 Peter 3:18

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed."

## 1 Peter 2:24



## 1. We are to be done with sin

"Peter explained why they should prepare themselves to suffer, seeing the commitment to suffer as *evidence that they have broken with a life of sin*. The point is not that believers who suffer have attained sinless perfection,

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as if they do not sin at all after suffering. What Peter emphasized was that those who commit themselves to suffer, those who willingly endure scorn and mockery for their faith, show that they have triumphed over sin.

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They have broken with sin because they have ceased to participate in the lawless activities of unbelievers and endured the criticisms that have come from such a decision."

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"We lose our tenderness toward Christ if we do not deal decisively with sin."

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## We are to be done with sin Not gratifying our flesh

"For he says, 'In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation."

## 2 Corinthians 6:2

We are to be done with sin
 Not gratifying our flesh
 We have sinned enough

"This is a simple and remarkable statement: The time already past is sufficient for sin. It's enough. So don't do any more. Suffer if you must. But don't do any more sin. Arm yourself with this thought: any amount of past sinning is enough.

If you sinned a little before you were converted, it's enough. If you sinned a lot and for many years before your conversion, it's enough. You can never sin so little that you could say, "I need some more time to sin."

How many people say, "I know I need to get right with God and make a break with sin. But just a little more time. A little more time with sin." Peter says, arm yourself with this thought: the time you've spent sinning is sufficient.

## Make the break; choose the will of God. And suffer for it if you must."

#### "As a dog returns to its vomit, so fools repeat their folly."

## Proverbs 26:11



### **2. Different from the world** Verses 4-6

### **1 PETER**

"The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us.

1 Thessalonians 1:8-10

They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath."

# 1 Thessalonians 1:8-10

"Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart."

# 2 Timothy 2:22

"If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you."

### 1 Peter 4:14

"To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

# 1 Peter 2:21-23

When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly."

# 1 Peter 2:21-23

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

# 2 Corinthians 5:17

"When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd."

### Matthew 9:36



### **3. Different from now on** Verses 7-11

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Clear-minded: "...soundness of mind, this balance in thought and disposition, which is never flighty, unbalanced, carried away by notions of our own or by attacks of men." (Lenski)

### Self-controlled: "'sober.' This is spiritual sobriety, another term for soundness of mind... (Lenski)

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