

# The First Letter of St Peter -

*Encouraging words for our time.*

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## Course Outline

This course is designed for individual bible study but it might be helpful if you are able to discuss your thoughts with one or two people during the week by phone, skype, zoom or Facetime or you could make up a WhatsApp group.

There are six sessions. Each session will use a different approach to engage with the biblical text. All the answers can be found in the bible and all that is needed is a bible, pen and notepad. "*crave pure spiritual milk so that by it you may grow up to salvation*" 1 Peter 2:2

1. Introduction to the Letter ( 1 Peter 1:1-2)
2. Shielded by God ( 1 Peter 1:3-12)
3. Holiness ( 1 Peter 1:13-2:3)
4. Living Stones ( 1 Peter 2:4-12)
5. Imperatives for Godly living in hard times (1 Peter 2:13-5:7)
6. Final Words (1 Peter 5:8-11)

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## Session One: Introduction to the Letter

### Read

Read the First Letter of St. Peter carefully and answer the following questions. You may have to read the text several times to find the answers, which will be given in the next session.

### Reflect

1. Who wrote the Letter?
2. Who helped the writer (and who was he)?
3. Who was the letter written to?
4. From where was it written? (This is a tough question as the answer is probably in code)
5. What do you think is the theme of the letter?
6. Why was it written? (Look for recurring words in the text.)
7. Can you find a single verse from within the letter which in your opinion summaries what it is all about? (there is no right answer and there are several possibilities)
8. How might this apply to us today?

*Write and pray your own prayer based on the theme of this letter.*