

# 1 & 2 Peter: How, then, should we live?

## I. Background

### A. Peter

1. **Reject**– falling in water, breaking promises, hacking off ears. (Mt 14.29–30; 26.69–75; Jn 18.10)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ – Petros (Rock); Transfiguration, Feed my sheep (**Mt 16.18**; 17.1–8; Jn 21.15–23)
3. **“Rock” star**– 5000 saved in a day (Acts 2).

### B. The letters

1. Audience: \_\_\_\_\_ in modern-day turkey (1 Pet 2.10).  
\*Undergoing \_\_\_\_\_ persecution (1 Pet 4.4; 5.9)
2. Date: before \_\_\_\_\_ (because persecution localized) circa 60 AD.
3. Questions of authorship: 2 Peter names **Simeon**, mentions transfiguration, has worse writing.
4. Similarities with Jude

## II. Couches (being \_\_\_\_\_ rather than living as citizens of the Kingdom)

### A. Some stats (record your favorite):

### B. 2 ways to read 1 Peter

1. Look after \_\_\_\_\_ in the midst of hard times
2. Submit to \_\_\_\_\_ and live lives worthy of your calling.

### C. Couches– 1 Peter (esp 4.3–4, 8, 12–14): \_\_\_\_\_ discomfort

1. 2 ways to read 1 Peter
  - a) Look after each other in the midst of hard times
  - b) Submit to social structures and live lives worthy of your calling.
2. Live different: “Role up the sleeves of your mind” (1 Peter 1.13; 1.18; 1.22–2.1; 2.11–12; 4.8)
3. Results/examples
  - a) *haustafeln* (household code) 1 Peter 2.11–3.7 → how to live with non-believers.

(1) Citizens–govt: submit but obey God.

(2) Slaves–masters:

(3) Wives–husbands: mutual submission (notice: hindered prayers)

b) Use your \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Pet 4.7–11

(1) Everyone is gifted.

(2) The \_\_\_\_\_ suffers when you don't use yours.

D. Remember, \_\_\_\_\_ wins. (1 Pet 5.7–11)

### III. Microwaves (becoming impatient because Jesus isn't back)

A. Video: why does God allow \_\_\_\_\_?

B. Microwaves– 2 Peter: Be patient.

C. \_\_\_\_\_ as the litmus test of being a Christian (good fruit): 2 Pet 1.3–11; 2.17–22

D. What the dogs taught: “If Jesus were **really** coming back, he'd be here by now” (2 Pet 3.4)

1. Chapter 1: If there is no parousia, prophecy must be wrong -> Hence Scripture not inspired (2 Peter 1.10)
2. Chapter 2: If there is no parousia, there is no judgment -> Hence no need for morality (2 Pet 2.2)
3. Chapter 3: If there is no parousia (2nd coming) -> no solution to the problem of evil today. (2 Pet 3.8–14)