

**Outline #13** Major Themes in 1st and 2nd Peter

Scripture Song: You Are a Chosen Generation (1 Peter 2:9)

**1. The suffering of Jesus for our salvation**

- a) 1 Peter 1:18–19
- b) 1 Peter 2:22–25
- c) 1 Peter 3:18
- d) Some struggle with the idea of Jesus suffering for our sins. It seems to them like a pagan idea, trying to satisfy an angry God. How would you respond?
- e) How does the message of John 3:16–17 help us to grasp the sufferings and death of Jesus for our salvation?

**2. A call to holy living**

- a) 1 Peter 1:15–17, 22
- b) 1 Peter 2:1
- c) 1 Peter 3:8–9
- d) 1 Peter 4:7–11
- e) 2 Peter 3:11
- f) How is Peter’s call to holy living related to the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord?
- g) Is true holiness a means of salvation or an evidence of salvation?

**3. Finding hope in the glorious return of Jesus**

- a) While Peter does not offer any detailed description of the return of Jesus in glory (compare 1 Thessalonians 4:16–17), he does refer on several occasions to the return of Jesus:
  - i) 1 Peter 1:3–7
  - ii) 1 Peter 1:13
  - iii) 1 Peter 5:2–4

- b) Why is it also important to mention the Day of the Lord as a time of judgment? 2 Peter 3:10
- c) Some try to use fear to motivate people to prepare for the Day of the Lord. Why is love always a better motivator than fear?

**4. Order in society and the church**

- a) 1 Peter 2:13–17. Peter’s counsel here provides a general guideline for relating to leaders in your society. How do you react to the statement that “Christians should be model citizens”?
- b) When is it necessary to challenge the laws of the land, even if the result is imprisonment or death? (Acts 5:27–29)
- c) What radical difference should be apparent in church leadership? 1 Peter 5:1–5

**5. The authority and centrality of the Scriptures**

- a) 1 Peter 1:10–12
- b) 2 Peter 1:16–20
- c) 2 Peter 3:2, 16
- d) How has your attitude toward the Scriptures changed as a result of your prayerful in-depth interactive study of the Word of God?

