

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you. 1 Peter 1:1–2 (ESV)

Who wrote 1 Peter?

- In 2 Peter, Peter talks about his first letter, which is a clue he wrote two letters.
- Every church leader, in the generation immediately following the apostles, claimed the letter was written by the apostle Peter.
- In 1 and 2 Peter, we learn that the author was an eyewitness to the life and ministry of Jesus.

Why do some people think Peter is not the author?

Acts 4:13 - Peter was an unschooled common man.

- Not having a formal education doesn't mean you are unintelligent.
- Acts 4:13 says Peter was an unschooled ordinary man, but they took note he had been with Jesus.

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus. Acts 4:13 (ESV)

- In 1 Peter 5:12, we learn Peter was writing with the help of a man named Silvanus.
- Peter was writing under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

What were Peter's qualifications?

Where were the churches?

How does Peter describe Christians?

Elect

Exiles of the Dispersion

How do we become Christians?

According to the foreknowledge of God the Father

He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you 1 Peter 1:20 (ESV)

By the sanctification of the Spirit

Through the sprinkling of Christ's blood

For obedience to Jesus

What can Peter teach us about hard times?

Our failures are never final. When we repent, God restores us and continues to use us, even when we fail him again and again.



Introduction to 1 Peter