

Conclusion

“Prepare your minds for action ... Arm yourselves with the same way (as Christ) ... Be sober-minded; be watchful ... entust [yourself] to [your] faithful Creator while doing good ... Stand firm.” (1:13, 4:1, 4:19, 5:8, 5:12).

Core Seminars—New Testament

Class 21: 1 Peter:

The Enemies of the Kingdom (II)



Introduction

“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.” (Matthew 16:24).

I. Purpose

II. Date & Audience

III. Structure & Outline

Chapter 1:1-2: God's Elect, Strangers in the World

To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion . . . (1:1)

Chapter 1:3—2:10: The High Privilege and Calling of Being Elect Strangers

But as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." (1:15-16)

Chapter 2:11—4:11: A Lifestyle Different From, Yet Attractive to the World

Be subject for the Lord's sake . . . (2:13)

Chapter 4:12—5:14: Responding to Suffering

Do not be surprised ... but rejoice insofar as you share in Christ's sufferings . . . (4:12-13)

The Goal of 1 Peter: *"Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you say evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation." (2:12)*

IV. Major Themes

A. Holiness and suffering

B. Christ's suffering and ours

C. Future vindication

D. Right responses to suffering

1. Witness

2. Love

3. Submit