

1 Peter 1:1-12

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Fill in the blank with the name of the apostle who fits the description.

-was a fisherman
-was named “the rock” by Jesus
-his mother-in-law was healed of a fever by Jesus
-walked on water
-confessed Jesus to be the Christ
-rebuked Jesus for talking about Jesus’ coming death
-witnessed Jesus’ transfiguration
-asked Jesus how many times he should forgive someone
-said he would never disown Jesus
-defended Jesus with a sword
-disowned Jesus three times
-was told by Jesus to strengthen his brothers
-saw Jesus alive after Jesus rose again
-preached the sermon on Pentecost
-raised a woman from the dead

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ...

Read Peter’s introduction in his letter in 1 Peter 1:1-2.

What is the first word he uses to describe his readers?

What is the second description he uses for his readers?

Where do the people to whom Peter is writing live?

What does Peter relate about each person of the triune God?

What does Peter wish for his readers?

Peter's opening section is very upbeat and filled with joy.

The main thoughts around which everything else fills in are:

- *Blessed be...* (v 1)
- *You rejoice...* (v 6)
- *You rejoice...* (v 8)

Let's track Peter's line of thought through the following schematic.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

he (God the Father) by his great mercy gave us new birth

into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead

into an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and unfading kept in heaven for you

you who are guarded by God's power through faith for salvation

a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

In this (see above ↑) you rejoice

you who are grieved for a little while at present, if necessary, in manifold trials

for this purpose—that the genuineness of your faith

(a genuine faith more precious than gold

gold which perishes and is proved genuine by testing)

should be found out for praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ

whom, though you have not seen, you love

in whom, though not seeing for the present, you believe.

You rejoice with a joy unspeakable and glorified

you who are receiving the goal of your faith

the goal is the salvation of souls.

What are the past elements that fill this section with so much joy?

What are the future elements that fill this section with so much joy?

What are the elements that make up our present reality?

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Read 1 Peter 1:10-12.

Read Matthew 13:16-17. How does Jesus' statement fit with these verses of 1 Peter?

Three specific things the prophets prophesied are mentioned here. What are the three?

What is the Holy Spirit called here? Why do you think he is called that?

What was revealed to the prophets about their ministry?

How do we know what we know?

Angels desire to look into these things. Why do you think they desire to do that?

*For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.*
(CW 333:2)

*Ride on, ride on in majesty! The angel armies of the sky
look down with sad and wond'ring eyes to see the th'approaching sacrifice.*
(CW 411:3)

*Crown him the Lord of love—behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his wond'ring eye at mysteries so bright.*
(CW 511:2)