

Peter Cares for the Flock of God

- I. Introduction – three places that Peter appears
 - A. Simon becomes Peter in the Gospels (Jn. 1:40-42; Matt. 16:18)
 - B. Peter becomes a fisher of men in Acts (Mk. 1:16-17; Ac. 2:14-41)
 - C. Peter tends the flock of God in his Epistles (Jn. 21:16; 1 & 2 Peter)
- II. The Flock of God (1 Pet. 1:1-6a)
 - A. Who we are (1 Pet. 1:1-2)
 - 1. Elect exiles of the Dispersion (in Northern Turkey)
 - 2. According to the foreknowledge of God the Father
 - 3. In the sanctification of God the Spirit
 - 4. For obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with His blood
 - B. Under God's care (1 Pet. 1:3-5)
 - 1. Under God's great mercy, we are born again
 - a. **"To"** a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ
 - b. **"To"** an imperishable, undefiled & unfading inheritance
 - 2. Under God's great mercy, we are guarded by God's power
 - a. **"For"** a salvation to be revealed in the last time
 - C. Rejoicing in God's work and in who we are (1 Pet. 1:6a)
- III. The Purpose of Suffering (1 Pet. 1:6b-9)
 - A. **"Though now"** we have various trials
 - 1. For a little while
 - 2. If necessary
 - 3. Don't be surprised that you, a Christian, go through fiery trials (1 Pet. 4:12)
 - B. **"So that"** we are refined
 - 1. The tested genuineness of your faith (gold passing through fire)
 - 2. The result is glorious – praise, glory, honour
 - C. Our attitude as we pass through our trials
 - 1. Love Him
 - 2. Believe in Him
 - 3. Rejoice in Him
 - D. Obtaining (present & ongoing) our salvation