**ENGAGE! (A Study in 1 Peter)**

 **LIVING AND PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL IN TODAY’S MORAL, CULTURAL, AND POLITICAL CLIMATE.**

**Week 1: How Are We Doing?**

***Introductory Remarks:***

***Evaluating Our Current Moral, Cultural, and Political Climate:***

***Why 1 Peter?* (A walk-through of the letter)**

***Two Sample Outlines:***

1. Opening (1:1-2)
2. Called to Salvation as Exiles (1:3-2:10)
3. Praise for Salvation (1:3-12)
4. The Future Inheritance as an Incentive to Holiness (1:13-21)
5. Living as the New People of God (1:22-2:10)
6. Living as Aliens to Bring Glory to God in a Hostile World (2:11-4:11)
7. The Christian Life as a Battle and Witness (2:11-12)
8. Testifying to the Gospel in the Social Order (2:13-3:12)
9. Responding in a Godly Way to Suffering (3:13-4:11)
10. Persevering in Suffering (4:12-5:11)
11. Suffer Joyfully in Accord with God’s Will (4:12-19)
12. Exhortations to Elders and the Community (5:1-11)
13. Concluding Words

(Taken from *1, 2 Peter, Jude*, by Thomas R. Schreiner, New American Commentary (Vol. 37)

1. Salutation: Peter the Apostle to Sojourners in God’s Eternal Care (1:1-2
2. General Doctrine: The Greatness of Your Salvation (1:3-2:10)
3. You grow as Christians through joyful faith (1:3-12)
4. Joy in future heavenly reward (1:3-5)
5. Joy in spite of suffering (1:6-7)
6. Inexpressible joy in knowing Christ himself (1:8-9)
7. Prophets and angels amazed at the glory of your salvation (1:10-12)
8. Application: You must be holy in all your conduct (1:13-25)
9. Desire the beauty of being like a holy God (1:13-16)
10. Fear the displeasure of a Father who is an impartial Judge (1:17-21)
11. 3. Love one another, now and forever (1:22-25)
12. How to advance in holiness (2:1-10)
13. Be nourished by the Lord through the Word (2:1-3)
14. Abide in Christ—together—as the new temple of God (2:4-6)
15. Unbelievers reject Christ and stumble (2:7-8)
16. But you are joined with Christ to be blessed as the true people of God (2:9-10)
17. Specific Ethical Teachings: How to be Holy in the Midst of Unbelievers (2:11-5:11)
18. General principles (2:11-12)
19. Abstain from following sinful passions (2:11)
20. Maintain good conduct among the Gentiles (2:12)
21. Living as citizens: Be subject to government authorities, for the Lord’s sake (2:13-17)
22. Living as servants: Be subject to your masters (2:18-25)
23. Even to evil ones (2:8-10)
24. For Christ suffered for you, trusting God (2:21-25)
25. Living as married persons (3:1-7)
26. Wives: Be subject to your husbands (3:1-6)
27. Husbands: Live considerately with your wives (3:7)
28. Living as Christians generally (3:8-22)
29. Be humble and united in spirit (3:8)
30. Return a blessing when evil is done to you (3:9-12)
31. How to act when you suffer for righteousness (3:13-4:19)
32. Know that you are blessed (3:13-14a)
33. Trust Christ (3:14b-15a)
34. Use this opportunity to witness while doing right (3:15b-17)
35. For Christ suffered in order to bring you to God (3:18)
36. Another example: Noah witnessed when persecuted (3:19-20)
37. God will save you (3:21-22)
38. Decide that you are willing to suffer for righteousness (4:1-6)
39. For a Christian who has suffered for doing right has made a clear break with sin (4:1-2)
40. Give no more time to sin (4:3)
41. There is a judgment coming for Gentiles who abuse you (4:4-5)
42. For the gospel was preached to Christians who have died to save them from eternal judgment (4:6)
43. This final judgment is near, so act this way within the church… (4:7-11)
44. Pray more and love each other more (4:7-9)
45. Glorify God in using your gifts (4:10-11)
46. Do not be surprised at your trials, but rejoice (4:12-16)
47. For God’s judgment is beginning from God’s own house (4:17-18)
48. Therefore do right and trust God continually (4:19)
49. Living as church members and officers (5:1-7)
50. Elders: Shepherd God’s flock rightly (5:1-4)
51. Younger people (and all others): Be subject to your elders (5:5a)
52. All of you: Be humble toward each other (5:5b)
53. Humble yourselves before God (5:6)
54. Gain humility by casting your cares on God (5:7)
55. Living as Christians in spiritual conflict (5:8-11)
56. Beware of the devil (5:8)
57. Resist the devil with firm faith (5:9)
58. God will restore you after you have suffered (5:10-11)
59. Closing Greetings
60. I am sending this by faithful Silvanus (5:12a)
61. Stand in the grace I have described (5:12b)
62. Greetings from the church in Rome and from Mark (5:13)
63. Greet one another (5:14a)
64. Peace to all who are in Christ (5:14b)

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