**Interesting Facts About 1 Peter**

**AUTHOR:** Peter  
**TIME WRITTEN:** Shortly before A.D. 64  
**POSITION IN THE BIBLE:**  
- 60th Book in the Bible  
- 21st Book in the New Testament  
- 16th of 21 Epistle Books  
  (Romans - Jude)  
- 6 Books to follow it.

**CHAPTERS:** 5  
**VERSES:** 105  
**WORDS:** 2,482

**OBSERVATIONS ABOUT 1 PETER:**

- **Peter:**  
  - Was one of the original 12 apostles.  
  - Was one of the inner circle of the apostles (Peter, James, & John.)  
  - Denied Christ three times on the night of the betrayal.  
  - He was given the “keys” to the kingdom of heaven.”  
    - He opened the doors to the Jews. Acts 2  
    - He opened the doors to the Gentiles. Acts 11  
  - Was married and his wife sometimes traveled with him.  
    1 Corinthians 9:5  
  - Was an elder in the church. 1 Peter 5:1-4  
  - According to tradition, Peter was crucified upside down in Rome prior to Nero’s death in A.D. 68.

- **Peter authored two books of the New Testament:**  
  - 1 Peter  
  - 2 Peter

- **The basic theme of 1 Peter is the proper response to Christian suffering.**

- **Peter is writing to Christians in a world that is becoming increasingly hostile to them now that the Romans, as well as the Jews, are persecuting the church.**

- **In the Book of 1 Peter:**  
  - The word “suffering,” and its equivalents, occur some 2 times.  
  - The sufferings of Christ are mentioned in every chapter of 1 Peter.

- **Christ in 1 Peter:**  
  - Chapter 1 - Christ is man’s source of hope and man’s redeemer. 1:3, 18-19  
  - Christ is:  
    - The chief cornerstone. 2:6  
    - Man’s example. 2:21  
    - Man’s sin-bearer. 2:24  
  - Chapter 3 - Christ is Lord. 3:15, 22  
  - Chapter 4 - Christ is man’s sufferer. 4:1, 13  
  - Chapter 5 - Christ is the Chief Shepherd and overseer. 5:4

- **Peter also death with:**  
  - Spiritual growth  
  - Christian wives and their husbands  
  - Elders  
  - Salvation  
  - Grace of God  
  - Hope  
  - The devil

“For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow in His steps.”

1 Peter 2:21