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Who wrote 1 Peter? Peter the apostle that witnessed Jesus and denied him 3 times.

Why was it written? 1 Peter was written to help the persecuted Christian have a proper respond to Christian sufferings.

Who was the audience? Gentile Christians living in Rome around after 64 AD

(Slide 2: Great Fire of Rome)

In 64 AD., there was a great that occurred in Rome called the **Great Fire of Rome**. The fire began in the merchant shops and this fire continued to burn the city of Rome for 9 days. In the aftermath of the fire, two thirds of **Rome** had been destroyed.

(Slide 3: Emperor Nero) (Slide 4: Persecuted Christians)

According to previous historian, **Emperor Nero** blamed the devastation on the **Christian** community in the city, and this initiate the empire's first **persecution against the Christians**. The Christians were blamed and hated because they were thought to be associated with the Jews, who were known to being hostile to the Roman culture.

(1 Peter) was written by Peter, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, to strengthen these persecuted Christians in Rome. These Christians are Gentiles who are living in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia (verse 1:1).

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The purpose of this letter was to teach them how to live victoriously in the midst of the hostility, mainly

- 1) without losing hope
- 2) without becoming bitter
- 3) while trusting the Lord
- 4) while looking for Jesus' second coming

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Peter said that living an obedient, victorious life under suffering and persecution, a Christian can evangelize his hostile world.

The Christians in Rome were persecuted.

Peter wanted the persecuted Christian to triumph despite sufferings by focusing on what Christ had done and His resurrection. 1Peter 1:3 His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope.

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1Peter 1:1-2:12 The Salvation of the Believer

Saving work of the triune God.

First, Peter anticipates the future realization of Christian's manifold inheritance.

Second, Peter looks at the present joy, a living hope.

Third, Peter reflects the prophets of the past who predicted gospel of God's grace in Christ.

What is the believer's proper response to this salvation?

Sanctification or holiness. Peter encourages the believers to "desire the pure milk of the work, that they may grow" (1Peter 2:2)

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Why am I showing this video. Your life is like a tsunami, you constantly suffer, being pushed and you try to resist if you want to hold on to the truth of God, your faith in God. The water that gushed and pushed has the power of satan to try to bring you down and attack the church.

This power energized by satan is spirit of the age. Throughout history, believers God's people will always be bothered, pushed and if you resist, there will be suffering. But God strengthen you if you resist the wrongness, this spirit of the age.

1<sup>st</sup> Example: the spirit of the age will say

Everyone entitled to their opinion, I say, you say, other people say. So everything is subjective. Subjective things depend on your own ideas and opinions: there isn't any universal truth. So the topic of

LGBT what the world will say: every one entitled to their opinion and emotion, you have to respect one another and tolerate, you mind your own business, people can choose to be gay or lesbian, up to them. So you can smoke, tattoo

2<sup>nd</sup> Example: spirit of the age will say  
you are no longer under punishment and condemnation, Jesus' grace upon you, Jesus is the king, and you are all small kings. You have the power ask for anything, wealth, health, power granted as long as in the name of Jesus.

3<sup>rd</sup> Example: spirit of the age will introduce technology and games  
Gadgets: telephone addiction and games. You don't communicate person to person, just you and your gadget, Games let you have a virtual/illusion and this is not real life. Some games want you to compete and make money, lure you to spend more time in games and your gadgets will you are exposed to advertisements wanting to see things and buy things. Some games exposed you to dare, in virtual killings and suicide but your mind goes fast and crazy and you become depressed and lonely. There are many young people either commit suicide or go into a debt through games.

Social Media/Selfie/Instagram/Facebook: you are important, show yourself, constant posing showing off, you get addicted to your phone.

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Satan's effort, spirit of the age is to discredit the church, attack believers, you and me especially when we are not alert and not grounded to the Word of God. We can silence satan's effort knowing the Word of God, applying it in our lives and by living holy lives.

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1Peter 3:13-5:14 The Suffering of the Believer

Peter encourages the believer to defend their faith in an intelligent, using God's Word and gracious way, remembering Christ's love.

To suffer because of righteousness' sake and not as the result of sinful behavior.

Believers are no longer to pursue the lusts of the flesh as they formerly did, but rather the will of God.

Believers to be strong in mutual love and to use God given talent to help others.

When believers are slandered for their faith, God had a purpose to allow things to happen and time of judgment will come. Those who trust in Him will be vindicated.

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Believers to resist their enemies with the sure knowledge of God's eternal glory in Christ.