

Summary Notes

1 Peter 1:1-12

v1-2

- Peter uses OT language and imagery to refer to these Christians. They are God's chosen/elect people, and they are being set-apart (sanctified or made holy), We know they are Christians because Peter introduces himself as an Apostle of Jesus Christ. They are being made holy by the Spirit (not by keeping the law), and the sprinkling of Jesus' blood - rather than the blood of sheep and goats.
- He calls them strangers – they are geographically scattered and in the minority but they are united because they are God's elect: they are united in Christ

v3-5

- Although these Christians live in the places listed in v1, they do not belong here – hence the idea of being strangers or exiles. Their true home the glorious imperishable inheritance made certain by Jesus' resurrection. They have a living hope!

v6-9

- This certain future is worth rejoicing in, whatever is thrown up by this life which is momentary by comparison. In fact, more than that, hard times now actually have a refining and purifying work to do in us, resulting in more praise on that final day.

v10-12

- Here Peter highlights what a privilege it is to be a Christian, even if we face suffering. We are following the pattern of Jesus – suffering first and glory later, and, we know the salvation that angels long to know about, and that the prophets of the past could only search and enquire about.

How does Peter help us to stand firm in our faith from this letter?

How can we be challenged of having a living hope mindset from this passage?