



WALKING THROUGH FIRE

A STUDY FROM THE BOOK OF FIRST PETER

Overview— Four Major Themes of 1 Peter

1. The Christian's _____ in Christ.
(1 Peter 1:2; 1:14; 2:5; 2:9; 2:11; 3:17; 4:14; 4:16; 5:7; 5:10; and 5:14)
 2. _____ and _____ are part of the Christian's journey.
(1 Peter 1:6; 2:21; and 4:12)
- Quote: "God never promises His children that they will have easy lives but He does promise, 'My grace is sufficient...'" (2 Corinthians 12:9). May we claim that strength for the challenges we face." John Goetsch
3. Every Christian ought to know his or her _____ and use their _____.
(1 Peter 1:13; 2:5; and 4:10)
 4. Every Christian ought to strive for _____ and _____.
(1 Peter 1:15-16; 2:15; 3:5; 3:7; 3:8; 4:9; 5:5; and 5:9)


In light of these themes, why is it significant that Peter refers to these fellow Christians as "sojourners and pilgrims"?

“No New Testament leader realized more deeply his own fallibility than the apostle Peter. At the moment of truth, Peter—the same who stepped out of a boat to walk on water when Jesus called him (Matt. 14:27-30); the same who identified Jesus as the Christ (Matt. 16:13-20); the same one who witnessed the transfiguration (Matt. 17:1-8)— miserably failed his Lord, denying Him three times on the night of his arrest.

Yet this man, in the face of incredible persecution and opposition, got up off the ground to do incredible things for Christ's church. Now he writes to Jewish Christians enduring intense persecution for their faith, encouraging them to persevere through their suffering by remembering that their reward awaits them.

This is not the brash, impetuous, emotional Peter who traveled with Jesus during His earthly ministry. This is a Peter who has matured in his faith, a man who has learned from his failures— and who, most of all, has been filled with the Holy Spirit of God.

John C. Maxwell, *A Leader Who Learned from His Failure*



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