

THE 'ONE PAGE' 1 PETER

AUTHOR:

The apostle Peter with the assistance of Silas (5:12).

DATE:

Approximately AD 65.

IN 10 WORDS OR LESS:

Suffering for the sake of Jesus is noble and good.

DETAILS:

As the early church grows, the Roman Empire begins persecuting Christians. Peter assures his believing readers that God is still in control: 'Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you' (4:12). What is the proper response to such suffering? 'Rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed' (4:13).

NOTABLE QUOTE:

'Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour' (5:8).

UNIQUE AND UNUSUAL:

Peter states exactly how many people rode out the flood in Noah's ark: 'eight in all' (3:20)

SO WHAT:

Life may be hard, but God is always good. For Christians, there's a much better day ahead.