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## THE THEOLOGY OF I PETER

Faith in times of Suffering  
in Christ Who Suffered for us  
and was then Glorified in Victory  
will end in our being Glorified with Christ.

We therefore live lives  
of Holy Hope and Fervent Love,  
modeled after Christ's First Coming in Suffering,  
but motivated by Christ's Second Coming in Glory.

### FIVE SUGGESTED CYCLES

Section	Theme	Description
1:1-2		Greeting to those "exiled" in the world, but chosen by God
1:3-9	Faith	in Christ proved true in times of trial (as well as hope & love)
1:10-12	Christ	suffered and was then glorified, as the prophets foretold
1:13-21	Hope	in the grace to be given you, meanwhile therefore, be holy
1:22-25	Love	one another fervently from the heart, which is imperishable
2:1-5	Faith	in the Word of God, coming as babes & as stones rejected by men
2:6-8	Christ	the Stone who was rejected became the Cornerstone
2:9-12	Hope	in your new identity as a Holy Nation to proclaim God's excellency
2:13-17	Love	the brotherhood, honoring the King & all men, & fearing God
2:18-20	Faith	in God's ultimate justice by submitting to unreasonable masters
2:21-25	Christ	our example in suffering as a silent sheep, now The Shepherd
3:1-7	Hope	in God's work in your spouse by submissively fulfilling your role
3:8-12	Love	one another in humility by returning blessings for insults
3:13-17	Faith	while suffering for doing right, ready to give a reason for your hope
3:18-22	Christ	died for the unjust, then made alive to proclaim His victory
4:1-7	Hope	ceases from sin and lives the rest of the time for the will of God
4:8-11	Love	covers over sins, is hospitable & serves as the end draws near
4:12-19	Faith	with rejoicing that you share in the sufferings of Christ
5:1-4	Christ	suffered, and is now Chief Shepherd, the model for elders
5:5-11	Hope	that God will exalt the humble, standing firm in the faith
5:12-14	Love	one another in your greetings, as sends the whole "exiled" church

~ C.A. Hutchinson