

1 Peter 1



When was 1 Peter written?

About A.D. 64

Why was 1 Peter written?

To encourage the church members undergoing undeserved trials and suffering (NERO) and to provide advice on how to deal with governmental officials society and families

It was dictated

I, Peter, am writing this letter.

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I consider Silas to be a faithful brother. With his help I have written you this short letter.

We strangers in the world

1. *Christians longing for their home in heaven,*
2. *literal “strangers”,*
3. *Old Testament adaptation applied to Christian believers,*

Written to...



Pontus,
Galatia,
Cappadocia,
Asia and
Bithynia.

Chosen...

Foreknowledge - knowledge of things to be. -*attribute of God*
Predestination – the faithful are predestined –*attribute of saved*
Chosen / Elect – saved chosen to service -*attribute of the saved*

You have been chosen in keeping with what God the Father had planned.

That happened through the Spirit's work to make you pure and holy.

What service have we been chosen to as Christians?

God chose you so that you might obey Jesus Christ.

Why?

He wanted you to be made clean by the blood of Christ.

What does Peter indicate we should want and that God wants for us?

May more and more grace and peace be given to you.

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New International Reader's Version (NIRV)

1 I, Peter, am writing this letter. I am an apostle of Jesus Christ.

I am sending this letter to you, God's chosen people. You are strangers in the world. You are scattered all over Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia. ²You have been chosen in keeping with what God the Father had planned. That happened through the Spirit's work to make you pure and holy. God chose you so that you might obey Jesus Christ. He wanted you to be made clean by the blood of Christ.

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In what way do we give praise?

3 Give praise to the God and
Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ.




Leverage?

What is it?



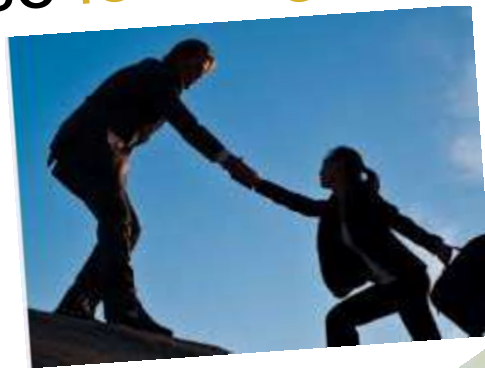
lev·er·age

/ˈlev(ə)rɪj, ˈlēv(ə)rɪj/ 

noun

1. the exertion of force by means of a lever or an object used in the manner of a lever.
2. use (something) to maximum advantage.
"the organization needs to leverage its key resources"

How do we sometimes use **leverage** with others?



What is the negative word for *leverage*?

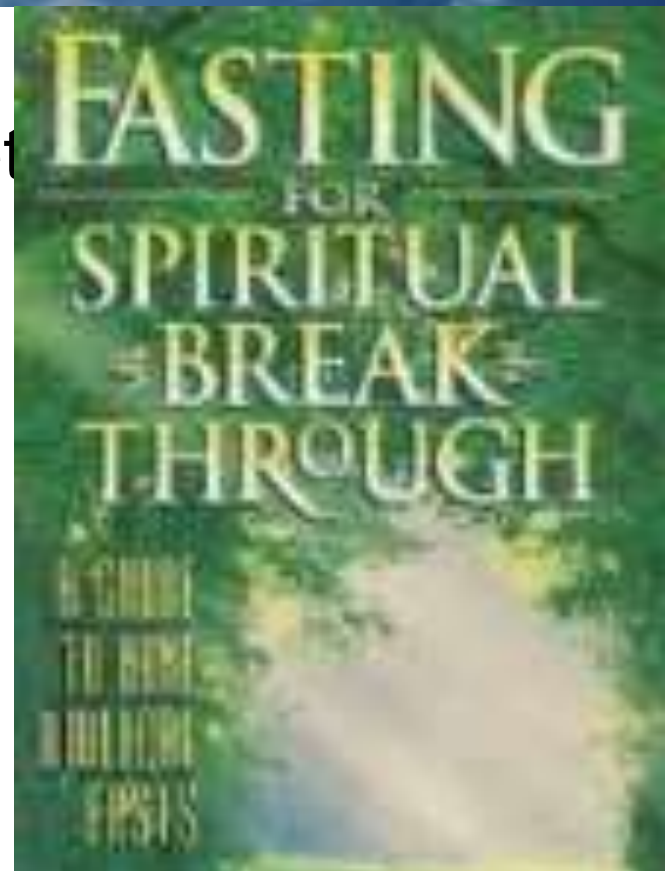


MANIPULATE!



Did God owe us anything that we could use as leverage to get him to do something for us?

Not Tithing Yet?
TAKE THE
90 DAY CHALLENGE.

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In his great mercy he has given us a new birth and a hope that is alive.

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How is God Merciful?

mer·cy

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noun

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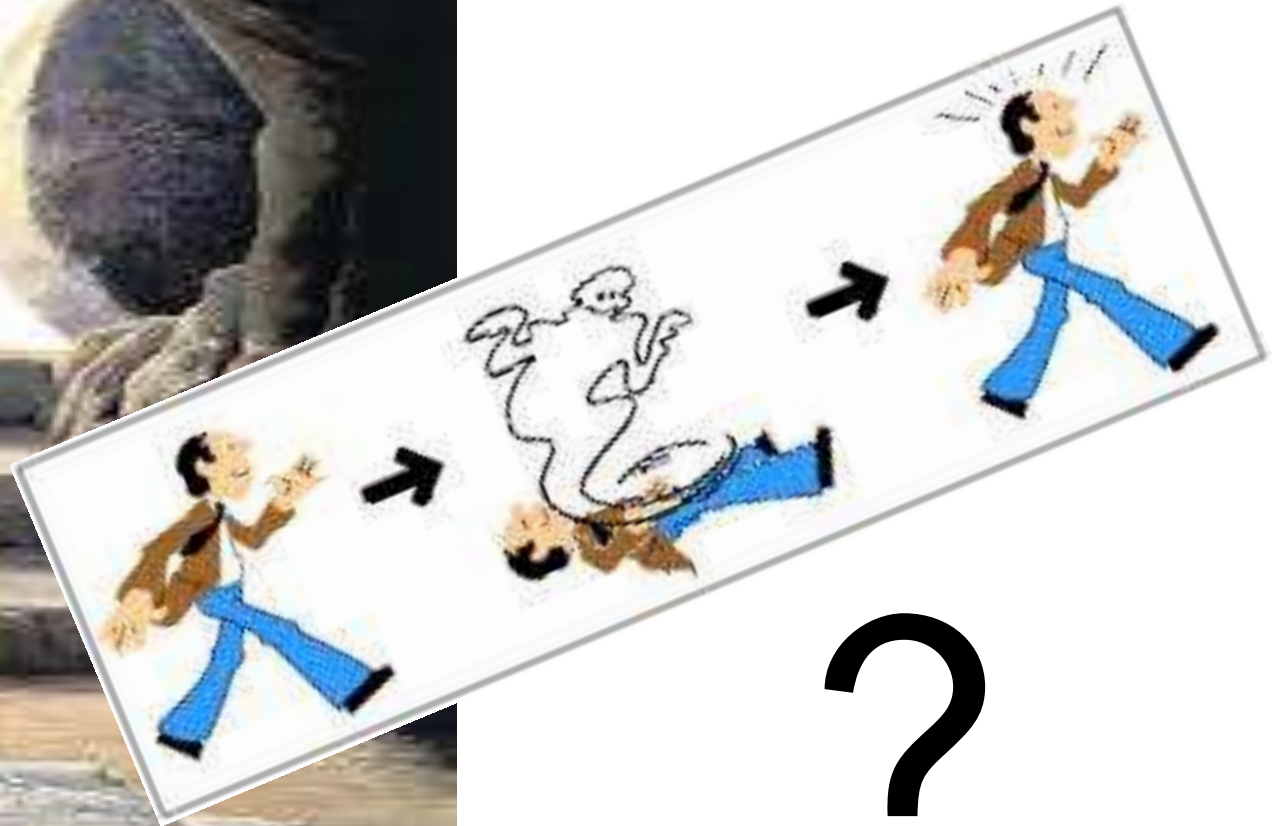
Because Jesus died?

No!

It is alive because
Jesus Christ rose
from the dead.

Why is our hope alive?
How is our hope alive?

How does the fact that *Jesus rose from the dead* do **ANYTHING** for me?



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How **SURE** are you that *Jesus rose from the dead?*



WHY?

LIVING WITNESSES

NEW TESTAMENT IS RELIABLE

Body of Jesus, in accordance with Jewish burial custom, was wrapped in a linen cloth. About 100 pounds of aromatic spices, mixed together to form a gummy substance, were applied to the wrappings of cloth about the body. After the body was placed in a solid rock tomb, an extremely large stone was rolled against the entrance of the tomb. Large stones weighing approximately two tons were normally rolled (by means of levers) against a tomb entrance.

Josh McDowell

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WHY?

LIVING WITNESSES

NEW TESTAMENT IS RELIABLE

Roman guard of strictly disciplined fighting men was stationed to guard the tomb. This guard affixed on the tomb the Roman seal, which was meant to "prevent any attempt at vandalizing the sepulcher. Anyone trying to move the stone from the tomb's entrance would have broken the seal and thus incurred the wrath of Roman law.



How **SURE** are you that *Jesus rose from the dead?*



WHY?

FACT #1: BROKEN ROMAN SEAL

FACT #2: EMPTY TOMB

Seal that stood for the power and authority of the Roman Empire. Consequences of breaking the seal was automatic execution by crucifixion.



How **SURE** are you that *Jesus rose from the dead?*



WHY?

FACT #3: DISCIPLES STUCK AROUND

They went right back to the city of Jerusalem, where, if what they were teaching was false, the falsity would be evident.



How **SURE** are you that *Jesus rose from the dead?*



WHY?

FACT #4: EVERYONE AGREED IT WAS EMPTY

Both Jewish and Roman sources and traditions admit an empty tomb. Resources range from Josephus to a compilation of fifth-century Jewish writings called the "Toledoth Jeshu".



How **SURE** are you that *Jesus rose from the dead?*



WHY?

FACT #5: LARGE STONE
MOVED

Unusual position of the one and a half to two ton stone. All the Gospel writers mention it. How could this be done with the guards there?



How **SURE** are you that *Jesus rose from the dead?*



WHY?

FACT #6: ROMAN GUARD GOES AWOL

One way a guard was put to death was by being stripped of his clothes and then burned alive in a fire started with his garments. If it was not apparent which soldier had failed in his duty, then lots were drawn to see which one would be punished with death for the guard unit's failure. Why run?



How **SURE** are you that *Jesus rose from the dead?*



WHY?

FACT #7: GRAVE CLOTHES

Why undress someone to take them away?



How **SURE** are you that *Jesus rose from the dead?*



WHY?

FACT #8: JESUS' APPEARANCES

He appeared to people who knew him. Lots of people!



How **SURE** are you that *Jesus rose from the dead?*

Jesus rose from the dead



WHY?

FACT #8: JESUS' APPEARANCES

He appeared to people who knew him. Lots of people! (maybe about 500)

Also not all wanted to know him. Saul despised Christ and persecuted Christ's followers.

It was a life-shattering experience when Christ appeared to Saul. Although he was at the time not a disciple, he later became the apostle Paul, one of the greatest witnesses for the truth of the resurrection.

I think we can agree the facts are pretty conclusive. Anyone not think so?

He has given us new birth so that we might share
in what belongs to him.



It is a gift that can never be destroyed. *It can never spoil or even fade away.* It is kept in heaven for you.

⁵ *Through faith* you are kept safe *by God's power.* Your salvation is *going* to be completed. It is *ready* to be shown to you in the last days.

So what do we do?

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