

1 & 2 PETER

AUTHOR:

The apostle Peter identifies himself as the author in verse 1 of 1Peter. Peter was familiar with some of Paul's writings, making the similarities between the two unsurprising.

DATE:

Peter wrote these letters from Rome in the early 60's A.D.

RECIPIENTS:

Verse 1.1 indicates that Peter's audience was Jewish and Gentile Christians from the provinces in Asia Minor (modern day Turkey).

CONTEXT:

Peter writes to the Christians as a pastor concerned with them as they live in a pagan society. He wanted to help them live for Jesus in the midst of a discouraging, secular society. We live in such a society today and can benefit from Peter's encouraging words.

THEMES:

Each reader of 1 and 2 Peter may pick up a different theme throughout them. The word of God is living and active, speaking to the hearts of its readers. Some see this letter as an encouragement in the face of persecution and others interpret it as an epistle dealing with the true grace of God. One thing is for certain, God always meets us in his word.

