

"Let him...take up his cross daily...
whoever would save his life will lose it..."

- All believers forsake everything and all are targeted by Satan, but each believer has a different cross:

- Some lose family members
- Some suffer verbal attack
- Some must sell everything

Purpose of 1 Peter: Preparation for suffering

- Not just to comfort sufferers
- "...this is the true grace of God — stand firm in it" (1 Pet. 5:12)
- Hope in God's grace encourages believers to stand firm when suffering

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<p>Your short time of suffering will bring praise to God when Christ is revealed</p>	<p>Set your hope fully on the grace to be brought to you; be holy as God is holy</p>	<p>1:3-15</p>
<p>God judges each according to works; you live in exile</p>	<p>Conduct yourselves with fear, as those bought with blood</p>	<p>1:16-19</p>

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<p>You have been born again by the eternal word of the gospel</p>	<p>Love each other intensely & purely, without malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy, or slander</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1:22-2: 1</p>
<p>You have tasted that the Lord is good</p>	<p>Crave the pure milk of the word of God</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2:2-3</p>

"Once you were no people, but now you are God's people"

• "You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your fathers"

• The Gentiles are surprised that you no longer do what Gentiles do, living in passions, drunkenness, carousing, and idolatry

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<p>You are a holy kingdom of priests, not unbelievers who stumble on Christ</p>	<p>Declare the praises of the one who called you out of darkness into his great light</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2:4-10</p>
<p>You are temporary residents and exiles among the pagans</p>	<p>Avoid desires of the flesh; live honorably among the pagans</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2:11-12</p>

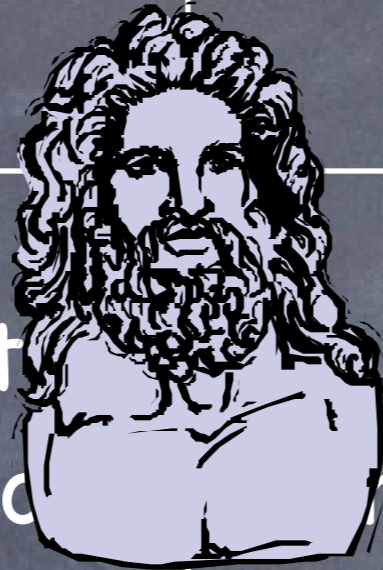
Compare & contrast these modern views of the church

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Man-centered views of the church

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What would Peter say about these two views? 1 Pet 2:4-12

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<p>The main purpose of the church is to glorify God by praising him.</p> <p>Members whose lives are consistent with their worship set an example for others to join them in worship.</p>	<p>The main purpose of the church is to glorify God by evangelism through outreach programs, seeker-friendly worship, and meeting unbelievers' needs.</p>