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BS 6013 1 Peter

WITH DISSERTATION THEORY OPTION

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 - a. Name of course, author and instructor's name with title
 - b. Student's name, degree working toward, and the date completed
 - c. Facilitator's complete title/name the seminary's name and location (Greenville, NC)
2. Separate page & heading for each new section, capitalized at top center of that page SUMMARY, PRECIS, PAPER
3. All papers are to be typed with .5" margins using font & size: Calibri 11 pt. Summaries and book reports are to be double-spaced
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COURSE ASSIGNMENT: BS 6013 1 Peter

Textbook

1 Peter [NIV Application Series] (Scot McKnight)

ISBN: 978-0310492900

Summary:

Emphasizing the historical distance between the New Testament and our contemporary culture, *The Sermon on the Mount* by Scot McKnight, part of the new The Story of God Bible Commentary series, offers helpful contextual insights for those seeking to discern how to live out the Bible in today's world. Perfect for pastors, students, Sunday school teachers, and lay people alike, this highly anticipated series provides a clear and compelling exposition of the text in the context of the Bible's overarching story. The authors move away from "application" language, which has been criticized as being too simplistic, encouraging instead a wider perspective and discussion of how the biblical story can be lived today.

Offering a new type of application commentary for today's context, the Story of God Bible Commentary series explains and illuminates Scripture as God's Story, with each New Testament text examined as embedded in its canonical and historical setting, in order to foster discernment in living the story faithfully and creatively with and for the Church in the 21st Century.

1. WATCH

- Intro and Background: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4A0jbHI2qOc>
- 1:1-12: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0-FHAqvOOJ8>
- 1:12-2:10: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qi3AKh6LQyY>
- 2:11-3:7: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XnbtR9mdQJE>
- 3:8-4:11: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LTO4bWYtYH0>
- 4:12-5:14: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iYph2QU9qnY>
- Overview: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UJHJp0yma9c>
- 1 Peter 2 vs. Romans 13: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2mtSmZGD_A8

2. PRECIS

- Write a 1-page reflection and summary for each lecture. Combine into one document.
- Write an overview on 1 Peter based on information from the textbook. Pages according to degree work per degree for book report requirement:
 - Master: 5
 - Doctorate: 8

3. PAPER

- Write a paper on a pericope (not just 1 verse) from 1 Peter.
- Minimum pages and citations according to degree work per degree:
 - Master: 5
 - Doctorate: 8

DOCTORAL RESEARCH STUDENTS DISSERTATION THEORY ASSIGNMENT:

- [Doctor of Theology](#)—ThD (*Requires a Dissertation*)
- [Doctor of Christian Education](#)—DCE (*Requires a Dissertation*)
- [Doctor of Christian Counseling](#)—DCC (*Requires a Dissertation*)

READ ADDITIONAL TEXTBOOK:

Conflict, Community, and Honor: 1 Peter in Social Scientific Perspective (John H. Elliot)

ISBN: (978-1556352348)

Summary:

Endorsements: "Affirming that 1 Peter represents from beginning to end a coherent and integrated line of thought, Prof. Elliott seeks to show in these two essays how this pastoral letter, forged to respond to the alienated situation of its readers, employs the conceptuality of the moral discourse and pivotal values of honor and shame that reigned in its contemporary world. The book is an excellent introduction to Prof. Elliott's seminal work in applying social-scientific analysis of this New Testament writing, and will richly reward its careful reader." --Paul J. Achtemeier author of *1 Peter* (Hermeneia) "[This volume] reveals the letter in its own context, in such a way that we can appropriate its message and values into our own." --Carolyn Osiek coauthor of *A Woman's Place: House Churches in Earliest Christianity* "Here, as elsewhere, Elliott expertly joins the findings of social-scientific research with the insights of literary and theological analysis to clarify the 'good news' that is proclaimed in this often-overlooked New Testament writing." --Victor Paul Furnish author of *The Moral Teaching of Paul About the Contributor(s): John H. Elliott is Professor of New Testament Emeritus at the University of San Francisco. Among his numerous publications are A Home for the Homeless, The Elect and Holy, What Is Social-Scientific Criticism?, and 1 Peter* (Anchor Bible).

ASSIGNMENT DISSERTATION THEORY:

Write a paper on the concepts of honor and shame within 1 Peter. The Paper should be 15 pages citing at least 15 sources and proposing at least one idea or argument as original as possible. The first page should separately represent your objectives and abstract for the following project.

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Course Summary

1 Peter's message addressed the identity and suffering (or potential suffering) of Christians in Asia Minor. The major thrust of this letter is to exhort believers in Jesus to not get entangled with the world in order to avoid persecution. Peter's audience is described as exiles and foreigners, yet these are all people who have likely grown in these areas their entire life. He frames these concepts around the image of exile from the Old Testament. The Jews were called to suffer and be a light to those in Babylon. In the same way Peter calls his audience to take on the life of Jesus who also suffered for the sake of God.

In the middle of the letter Peter shows his audience how to live in ungodly systems such as under rulers, as slaves, and as wives married to unbelieving husbands. In all these systems they are called to show Jesus through their love and submission, not because these systems are God-ordained but for the sake of Christ and to win others over for the Lord. This involves suffering just like Jesus.

The letter is a call for perseverance and backwards thinking. As Western Christians we want to fight for freedoms and liberty, but Peter shows us that that looks like laying down our life for the sake of others. Jesus' way was counterculture and counter-intuitive to the mindset of the world, yet this is the call of the disciple.