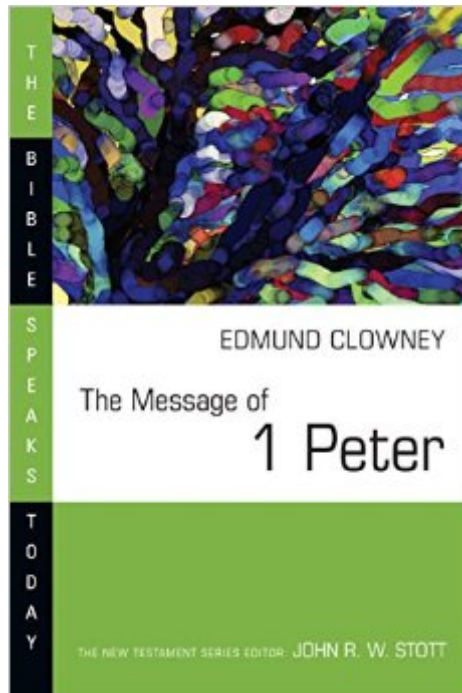


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The message of Peter's first letter turned the world upside-down for his readers. He saw the people of the young church of the first century as strangers, aliens who were only temporary residents, travelers heading for their native land. Peter speaks to our own pilgrimage when he tells of suffering now and glory to come. Stormy seasons of persecution were beginning for the churches in Asian Minor. These storms rage on in the modern world. Edmund Clowney believes that no true Christian can escape at least a measure of suffering for Christ's sake. Out of his firsthand knowledge as an apostle of Christ, Peter shows us what the story of Jesus' life means for us as we take up our cross and follow him.

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While serving for many years as professor and president at Westminster Theological Seminary, the late Dr. Edmund Clowney produced a helpful tool that joins his theological acumen with his passion for practical godly living. *The Message of 1 Peter: The Way of the Cross* is a part of the larger work *The Bible Speaks Today* New Testament commentary series edited by John Stott. There are several legitimate strengths to Clowney's work. First, the devotional quality of the book is outstanding. It is apparent that the author has done his homework and is no slouch on the technical issues in the text. However, he wisely reserves these concerns for footnotes or appendices. Clowney's intent in this work is noted in the opening sentence of the preface, "This exposition has been written in the

hope that it will be read and not just consulted." The NIV text is interspersed throughout the comments so the reader can very easily move through the book and not even have to look back and forth from Bible to commentary. The text divisions are relatively short allowing the reader to sit down and easily read a complete section on a specific passage in 10-15 minutes. Clowney has also labored to use illustrations from life and history in his exposition of 1 Peter, rendering something that reads more like a well-researched sermon than a cold commentary. Second, Clowney draws his research from both contemporary commentaries and early church fathers. This adds considerable breadth and interest. Lastly, Clowney is a relative expert in the field of biblical theology which focuses on putting the story of the Bible together. 1 Peter, with its numerous Old Testament quotations and allusions, provides a worthy proving ground for Clowney's biblical-theological enterprise.

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