



# 1 Peter



## Chapter 1

1 ¶ Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the sojourners <sup>a</sup>of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia,

2 <sup>b</sup>elect <sup>c</sup>according to the foreknowledge of God the Father <sup>d</sup>in sanctification of the Spirit, to <sup>e</sup>obedience and <sup>f</sup>sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: <sup>g</sup>Grace to you and peace be multiplied.

### *Our Living Hope*

3 ¶ <sup>h</sup>Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who <sup>i</sup>according to His abundant mercy <sup>j</sup>has begotten us again to a living hope <sup>k</sup>through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 to an inheritance imperishable and undefiled, and that does not fade away, <sup>l</sup>reserved in heaven for you,

5 <sup>m</sup>who are kept by the power of God through faith to salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

6 ¶ <sup>n</sup>In this you greatly rejoice, though now <sup>o</sup>for a little while, if need be, <sup>p</sup>you have been distressed by many trials,

7 so that <sup>q</sup>the proof of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though <sup>r</sup>it is refined with fire, <sup>s</sup>might be found to praise and honor and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

8 <sup>t</sup>Though you have not seen Him, you love Him. <sup>u</sup>Though now you do not see *Him*, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,

9 receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of *your* souls.

10 ¶ Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace *that would come* to you,

11 searching what, or what manner of time <sup>v</sup>the Spirit of Christ who was in them did signify, when He testified beforehand of the sufferings of Christ and the glory that would follow.

12 To them it was revealed, that not to themselves, but to you they ministered the things that are now reported to you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent forth from heaven, which things <sup>w</sup>angels desire to look into.

### *Holy Living*

13 ¶ Therefore, gird up the loins of your mind. Be sober and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

14 As obedient children, do not <sup>x</sup>fashion yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance.

15 But <sup>y</sup>as He who has called you is holy, so you be holy in all manner of behavior,

16 because it is written, <sup>z</sup>“*You will be holy, for I am holy.*”

17 ¶ Now if you call on the Father, who <sup>a</sup>without respect of persons judges according to each one’s work, pass the time of your journey *on earth* in fear;

18 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, *as* silver and gold from your vain behavior *received* by tradition from your fathers,

19 but <sup>b</sup>with the precious blood of Christ, <sup>c</sup>as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

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- 20 <sup>d</sup>He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest <sup>e</sup>in these last times for you
- 21 who through Him are believing in God, <sup>f</sup>who raised Him from the dead and <sup>g</sup>gave Him glory so that your faith and hope are in God.
- 22 ¶ Seeing you <sup>h</sup>have purified your souls in obeying the truth in sincere love of the brethren, <sup>i</sup>love one another fervently with a pure heart,
- 23 <sup>j</sup>having been born again, not by perishable seed, but imperishable, <sup>k</sup>by the word of God that lives and abides.
- 24 For, <sup>l</sup>“*All flesh is as grass and all its glory as the flower of grass. The grass withers and the flower falls away.*
- 25 <sup>m</sup>But the word of the Lord endures forever.” And <sup>n</sup>this is the word by which the gospel was preached to you.

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## Chapter 2

- 1 ¶ Therefore, <sup>a</sup>laying aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisies and envies and all evil speakings,
- 2 <sup>b</sup>as newborn babes, desire the sincere <sup>c</sup>milk of the word so that you may grow up to salvation,
- 3 if you have <sup>d</sup>tasted that the Lord *is* gracious.

### *The Royal Priesthood*

- 4 ¶ And coming to Him *as to* a living stone—<sup>e</sup>rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God *and* precious—
- 5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
- 6 Therefore, it is also contained in the Scripture, <sup>f</sup>“*Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect and precious. And he who believes on Him will not be disappointed.*”
- 7 ¶ Therefore, to you who believe, *He is* precious. But to those who do not believe, <sup>g</sup>“*The stone that the builders rejected, the same has become the cornerstone,*”
- 8 and <sup>h</sup>“*a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense.*” For <sup>i</sup>they stumble, being disobedient to the word. And <sup>j</sup>to this they were appointed.
- 9 ¶ But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a special people, so that you may proclaim the praises of Him who has called you out of <sup>k</sup>darkness into His marvelous light.
- 10 <sup>l</sup>You in time past *were* not a people, but *are* now the people of God; who had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.
- 11 ¶ Beloved, I urge *you* as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts <sup>m</sup>that war against the soul.
- 12 <sup>n</sup>Keep your behavior honest among the Gentiles, so that when they slander you as evildoers, <sup>o</sup>they may, because of *your* good works that they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

### *Submission*

- 13 ¶ <sup>p</sup>Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake, whether it is to the king, as supreme,

14 or to governors, as to those who are sent by Him for the punishment of evildoers and *for the* praise of those who do well.

15 For this is the will of God, that by doing right you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men.

16 <sup>a</sup>Live as free men, and <sup>1</sup>do not use *your* freedom as a covering for evil, but as the bondservants of God.

17 Honor all *men*. Love the brotherhood. <sup>2</sup>Fear God. Honor the king.

18 ¶ <sup>3</sup>Bondservants, *be* submissive to *your* masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh.

19 For this *is* <sup>4</sup>commendable, if for the sake of conscience toward God, one endures grief, suffering wrongfully.

20 For <sup>5</sup>what credit *is it*, if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But if when you do right and suffer, you take it patiently, this *is* commendable with God.

21 For <sup>6</sup>to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for you, <sup>7</sup>leaving you an example that you should follow His steps.

22 “*He <sup>8</sup>did no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth.*”

23 <sup>9</sup>When He was reviled, *He* did not revile again. When He suffered, He did not threaten, but <sup>10</sup>committed *Himself* to Him who judges righteously.

24 <sup>11</sup>He Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, <sup>12</sup>so that we, having died to sins, might live to righteousness; <sup>13</sup>by whose wounds you were healed.

25 For <sup>14</sup>you were as sheep going astray, but now you have returned <sup>15</sup>to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

**Chapter 2:** a Hb 12:1 b Mt 18:3; 19:14 c 1 Co 3:2 d Hb 6:5 e Ps 118:22 f Is 28:16 g Ps 118:22 h Is 8:14 i 1 Co 1:23 j Rm 9:22 k At 26:18 l Hs 1:9,10; 2:23 m Js 4:1 n Ph 2:15 o Mt 5:16; 9:8 p Mt 22:21 q Rm 6:14,20,22 r Gl 5:13 s Pv 24:21 t Ep 6:5-8 u Mt 5:10 v Lk 6:32-34 w Mt 16:24 x 1 Jn 2:6 y Is 53:9 z Is 53:7 a Lk 23:46 b Hb 9:28 c Rm 7:6 d Is 53:5 e Is 53:5,6 f Is 40:11; Ez 34:23; Zc 13:7

## Chapter 3

### *Wives and Husbands*

1 ¶ Likewise, wives, *be* <sup>1</sup>submissive to your own husbands, so that if any do not obey the word, <sup>2</sup>they, without the word, may <sup>3</sup>be won by the behavior of the wives

2 <sup>4</sup>when they observe your pure behavior *combined* with fear.

3 <sup>5</sup>Your adornment should not be outward, *as* plaiting the hair and wearing of gold, or putting on of clothes.

4 But *let it be* <sup>6</sup>the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a meek and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God.

5 For after this manner in the former times, the holy women who trusted in God, also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands,

6 just as Sarah obeyed Abraham, <sup>7</sup>calling him lord, whose children you are if you do right and are not afraid with any terror.

7 ¶ Likewise, <sup>8</sup>husbands, dwell with *your wives* with understanding, giving honor to the wife <sup>9</sup>as to the weaker vessel, and as heirs together of the grace of life, so <sup>10</sup>that your prayers not be hindered.

8 ¶ Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion one for another. Love as brethren, *be* kindhearted, humble.

9 <sup>11</sup>Do not render evil for evil or insult for insult, but instead <sup>12</sup> blessing, knowing that you were called to this, so <sup>13</sup>that you might inherit a blessing.

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10 For <sup>n</sup>“he who would love life and see good days, <sup>o</sup>let him refrain his tongue from evil and his lips that they speak no deceit.

11 Let him <sup>v</sup>turn away from evil and do good. <sup>q</sup>Let him seek peace and pursue it.

12 For the eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous, <sup>r</sup>and His ears are open to their prayers. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

13 ¶ And <sup>s</sup>who is he who will harm you if you follow what is good?

14 But <sup>t</sup>even if you suffer for righteousness’ sake, *you are blessed*. And <sup>u</sup>do not be afraid of their intimidation, and do not be troubled.

15 But sanctify Christ as Lord God in your hearts and <sup>v</sup>be ready always to *give* a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the <sup>w</sup>hope that is in you, yet with meekness and fear;

16 <sup>x</sup>having a good conscience so that when they slander you as evildoers, those who revile your good behavior in Christ will be ashamed.

17 For *it is* better, if God should will it so, that you suffer for doing right than for doing evil.

18 ¶ For Christ also once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring you to God, being put to death in the flesh, but made alive by the Spirit,

19 in which also He went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison,

20 who once were disobedient when the longsuffering of God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being prepared, in which few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

21 <sup>y</sup>The like figure whereunto *even* baptism does also now save us—<sup>z</sup>not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, <sup>a</sup>but the appeal of a good conscience to God—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

22 who has gone into heaven and <sup>b</sup>is at the right hand of God, <sup>c</sup>angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.

**Chapter 3:** a Ep 5:22 b 1 Co 7:16 c Mt 18:15 d 1 Pt 2:12; 3:6 e 1 Tm 2:9 f Rm 2:29 g Gn 18:12 h Ep 5:25 i 1 Co 12:23 j Jb 42:8 k Pv 17:13 l Mt 5:44 m Mt 25:34 n Ps 34:12-16 o Js 1:26 p Ps 37:27 q Rm 12:18 r Jn 9:31 s Pv 16:7 t Js 1:12 u Is 8:12 v Ps 119:46 w Ti 3:7 x Hb 13:18 y Ep 5:26 z Ti 3:5 a Rm 10:10 b Ps 110:1 c Rm 8:38

## Chapter 4

*Life of a Disciple*

1 ¶ Therefore, since Christ has suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,

2 so that he should no longer live the rest of *his* time in the flesh for the lusts of men, <sup>a</sup>but for the will of God.

3 For the time already past is sufficient in doing the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in sensuality, lusts, drunkenness, carousing, drinking parties and abominable idolatries.

4 In this they think it strange that you do not run with *them* to the same excesses of riot, speaking evil of *you*.

5 They will give account to Him who is ready <sup>b</sup>to judge the living and the dead.

6 For this reason <sup>c</sup>the gospel was preached also to those who are dead, so that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but <sup>d</sup>live according to God in the spirit.

7 ¶ But <sup>e</sup>the end of all things is at hand. Therefore, be sober and watch unto prayer.

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8 And above all things have fervent love among yourselves, for <sup>f</sup>love will cover a multitude of sins.

9 <sup>g</sup>Be hospitable one to another <sup>h</sup>without grumbling.

10 <sup>i</sup>As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another <sup>jas</sup>as good stewards of <sup>k</sup>the manifold grace of God.

11 <sup>l</sup>If anyone speaks, *let him speak* as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, *let him do it* as with the ability that God gives, so <sup>m</sup>that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

### *Suffering for Jesus*

12 ¶ Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial that is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you.

13 But rejoice, <sup>n</sup>inasmuch as you are partakers of Christ's sufferings, that <sup>o</sup>when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.

14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, <sup>p</sup>blessed *are you*, for the spirit of glory and of God rests on you. [On their part He is blasphemed, <sup>q</sup>but on your part He is glorified.]

15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's affairs.

16 Yet if *anyone suffers* as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this name.

17 ¶ For the time *has come* <sup>r</sup>for judgment to begin at the house of God. And if *it first begins* with us, <sup>s</sup>what will *be* the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?

18 And <sup>t</sup>if the righteous are scarcely saved, where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?

19 Therefore, let those who suffer according to the will of God <sup>u</sup>entrust their souls *to Him* in doing right, as to a faithful Creator.

**Chapter 4:** a Jn 1:13 b At 10:42 c 1 Pt 1:12; 3:19 d Rm 8:9,13 e Rm 13:11 f Pv 10:12 g Hb 13:2 h 2 Co 9:7 i Rm 12:6-8 j 1 Co 4:1,2 k 1 Co 12:4 l Ep 4:29 m 1 Co 10:31 n Js 1:2 o 2 Tm 2:12 p Mt 5:11 q Mt 5:16 r Is 10:12 s Lk 10:12 t Pv 11:31 u 2 Tm 1:12

## Chapter 5

### *Elders and Young Men*

1 ¶ Therefore, I exhort the elders who are among you, as a fellow elder and a <sup>a</sup>witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the <sup>b</sup>glory that will be revealed.

2 <sup>c</sup>Shepherd the flock of God that is among you, serving as overseers, <sup>d</sup>not under compulsion, but voluntarily according to God; <sup>e</sup>not greedy for money, but with eagerness;

3 nor as <sup>f</sup>being lords over <sup>g</sup>those entrusted to you, but <sup>h</sup>being examples to the flock.

4 Now when <sup>i</sup>the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive <sup>ja</sup>a crown of glory that does not fade away.

5 ¶ Likewise, you younger, submit yourselves to the elders. Yes, <sup>k</sup>all *of you* be submissive to one another and be clothed with humility, for <sup>l</sup>God resists the proud and <sup>m</sup>gives grace to the humble.

6 Therefore, humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God so that He may exalt you at the proper time,

7 casting all your care on Him, for He cares for you.

8 ¶ Be sober. Be vigilant. Your adversary the devil walks about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

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9 But resist him, standing firm in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are experienced by your brethren who are in the world.

10 But the God of all grace, <sup>o</sup>who has called us to His eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a while, will Himself perfect, establish, strengthen *and* settle *you*.

11 <sup>o</sup>To Him *be* glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

### *Farewell Greetings*

12 ¶ Through <sup>p</sup>Silvanus, our faithful brother to you as I *also* consider him, I have written briefly, exhorting and testifying <sup>q</sup>that this is the true grace of God in which you stand.

13 ¶ She who is in Babylon, elected together with *you*, greets you, and *so does* <sup>r</sup>Mark my son.

14 ¶ Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace *be* to you all who are in Christ. Amen.

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