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1 Peter

Chapter 1

¹Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the elect exiles of the dispersion of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, ²according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctification of the Spirit for obedience and the sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ. Grace and peace be multiplied to you.

³Blessed {is} the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, according to his great mercy, has caused us to be born again into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from dead ones, ⁴into an imperishable and undefiled and unfading inheritance, having been kept in heaven for you, ⁵the ones being protected by the power of God through faith, for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you greatly rejoice, if now it is necessary to have been distressed a little while in various trials ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—more precious than the perishing gold, but being tested by fire—it might be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ, ⁸whom, not having seen, you love, in whom, not seeing {him} now, but believing, you exult with joy inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹receiving for yourselves the outcome of your faith, the salvation of {your} souls. ¹⁰The prophets searched and inquired carefully about this salvation, having prophesied about this grace for you, ¹¹inquiring into whom or what time the Spirit of Christ in them was revealing, testifying beforehand about the sufferings of Christ and the glories after these things. ¹²It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which have now been declared to you by those who proclaimed the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—into which things angels desire to look.

¹³Therefore, having girded up the loins of your mind, being sober, hope fully in the grace being brought to you in the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴As children of obedience, not being conformed to {your} former desires in your ignorance, ¹⁵but as the one who called you {is} holy, you yourselves also be holy in all {your} behavior. ¹⁶For it is written, “You will be holy, because I {am} holy.” ¹⁷And if you call “Father” the one judging impartially according to the work of each one, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your sojourn, ¹⁸knowing that you have been redeemed not with perishable things, with silver or with gold, from your futile behavior handed down from {your} fathers, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, as of an unblemished and spotless lamb, ²⁰having been foreknown before the foundation of the world, but having been revealed in the last of the times for you, ²¹those through him believing in God, who has raised him from dead ones and has given him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. ²²Having purified your souls by obedience to the truth for sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart,^[1] ²³having been born again, not from perishable seed, but from imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. ²⁴For,

“All flesh {is} like grass,

and all its glory {is} like the flower of the grass.

The grass was dried up, and the flower fell off,

²⁵but the word of the Lord endures into eternity.”

And this is the word that has been proclaimed to you.

1:22 ^[1]

Chapter 2

¹Therefore, having put aside all evil and all deceit and hypocrisies and envies and all slanders, ²as newborn babies, long for the pure rational milk so that by it you may grow up to salvation, ³if you have tasted that the Lord {is} kind, ⁴coming to him, a living stone, having been rejected by men, but chosen by God, precious, ⁵and you yourselves, like living stones, are being built up {to be} a spiritual house, for a holy priesthood to offer the spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶Therefore, it stands in scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone,
chosen, precious.

And the one believing in him may certainly not be ashamed.”

⁷Therefore, the honor {is} to you, the ones who believe. But to those who do not believe,

“The stone that the ones who build rejected,
this has become the head of the corner”—

⁸and,

“A stone of stumbling
and a rock of offense.”

They stumble, disobeying the word—to which also they were appointed. ⁹But you {are} a chosen family, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for possession, so that you might proclaim the praiseworthy actions of the one who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light, ¹⁰who once {were} “not a people,” but now “the people of God;” the ones who had “not received mercy,” but now you have “received mercy.”

¹¹Beloved ones, I exhort you as foreigners and exiles to abstain from fleshly desires, which make war against the soul, ¹²keeping your behavior among the Gentiles good so that, in whatever they slander you as evildoers, by observing {your} good works, they might glorify God in the day of visitation.

¹³Be subjected to every human authority for the sake of the Lord, whether to a king as one having supreme authority, ¹⁴or to governors, as those being sent through him, for punishment of evildoers and praise of those who do good. ¹⁵For this is the will of God: doing good to silence the ignorance of foolish people, ¹⁶as free people and not having freedom as a covering of evil, but as servants of God. ¹⁷Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

¹⁸House slaves, be subjected to {your} masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle ones, but also to the crooked ones. ¹⁹For this {finds} favor: If anyone endures sorrows, suffering unjustly because of consciousness of God. ²⁰For what credit {is there} if, sinning and being beaten, you will endure? But if doing good and suffering, you will endure, this {finds} favor with God. ²¹For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered on your behalf, leaving an example for you so that you might follow in his footsteps;

²²“who did no sin,

neither was deceit found in his mouth;”

²³who being reviled, did not revile back; suffering, he did not threaten, but he entrusted {himself} to the one who judges justly; ²⁴who himself bore our sins in his body on the tree so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness, by whose wounds you were healed. ²⁵For you were like straying sheep, but now you have been turned back to the shepherd and overseer of your souls.

Chapter 3

¹Similarly, wives, be subjected to your own husbands so that even if some are being disobedient to the word, they will be won without a word, through the behavior of {their} wives, ²having observed your pure behavior with fear, ³whose adornment, let be not the outward braiding of hair and wearing of gold jewelry or wearing of fine clothing, ⁴but the hidden man of the heart, in the imperishable thing of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious before God. ⁵For in this manner also the holy women, the ones hoping in God, formerly adorned themselves, being subjected to their own husbands, ⁶like Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him “lord,” whose children you have become, doing what is good and not being afraid of any terror.

⁷Husbands, similarly, live with the female according to knowledge, as with a weaker container, assigning honor as also fellow heirs of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.

⁸Now finally, everyone {be} likeminded, sympathetic, loving as brothers, tenderhearted, humble; ⁹not paying back evil in exchange for evil or insult in exchange for insult, but on the contrary, blessing, because to this you were called so that you might inherit a blessing.

¹⁰For, “Let the one wanting to love life and to see good days stop {his} tongue from evil and {his} lips from speaking deceit.

¹¹But let him turn away from evil and let him do good.

Let him seek peace and let him pursue it, ¹²for

the eyes of the Lord {are} on righteous ones, and his ears {are} toward their request.

But the face of the Lord {is} against those doing evil.”

¹³And who {is} the one who will harm you if you become zealous ones of the good? ¹⁴But even if you might suffer because of righteousness, {you are} blessed ones. But, you should not fear the fear of them, nor be troubled. ¹⁵But sanctify the Lord Christ in your hearts, always ready for a defense to everyone who asks you for a word concerning the hope in you, ¹⁶but with meekness and fear, having a good conscience, so that in what you are being slandered, the ones who are reviling your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed. ¹⁷For {it is} better to suffer doing good, if the will of God wills, than doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins—a righteous one on behalf of unrighteous ones—so that he might bring you to God, having been killed in the flesh, but having been made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he proclaimed, having gone to the spirits in prison, ²⁰having disobeyed formerly, when the patience of God was waiting in the days of Noah, an ark being constructed, in which a few—that is, eight souls—were rescued through water, ²¹which, {being} an antitype, now saves you also, baptism—not a removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal of a good conscience to God—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, with angels and authorities and powers having been subjected to him.

Chapter 4

¹Therefore, Christ having suffered in the flesh, also arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for the one who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin ²in order to no longer live the remaining time in the flesh for the desires of men, but for the will of God. ³For the time having passed {is} enough to accomplish the will of the Gentiles, having lived in licentiousness, lusts, drunkenness, carousing, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry, ⁴in which they are surprised you are not running with them into the same outpouring of recklessness, reviling; ⁵they will give a word to the one who is ready to judge those who are living and dead ones. ⁶For to this the gospel was

preached also to dead ones, so that they might be judged in the flesh according to men, but they might live in the spirit according to God.

⁷Now the end of all things has come near. Therefore be of sound mind, and be sober for prayers; ⁸above all, having fervent love for one another, for love covers up a multitude of sins; ⁹{be} hospitable ones to one another without complaining; ¹⁰just as each one has received a gift, ministering it to one another, as good stewards of the diverse grace of God. ¹¹If anyone speaks—as with words of God; if anyone serves—as from the strength that God supplies, so that in all things God might be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory and the power to eternity of eternities. Amen.

¹²Beloved ones, do not regard as strange the fiery trial among you, happening to you for a test, as a strange thing happening to you, ¹³but, however much you are sharing in the sufferings of Christ, rejoice, so that also, at the revelation of his glory, you may rejoice, being glad. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, {you are} blessed ones, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. ¹⁵By all means do not let any of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler, ¹⁶but if as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this name. ¹⁷For {it is} the time to begin the judgment with the household of God; but if first with us, what {will be} the end of the ones disobeying the gospel of God?

¹⁸And, “If with difficulty the righteous one is being saved, where will the ungodly one and sinner appear?”

¹⁹So then, also let those suffering according to the will of God entrust their souls to the faithful Creator in doing good.

Chapter 5

¹Therefore, I—the fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ and the one who shares in the glory that is about to be revealed—exhort the elders among you: ²Shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight—not under compulsion, but willingly, according to God—and not greedily, but eagerly; ³and not as lording it over {your} portion, but being examples of the flock. ⁴And when the Chief Shepherd has been revealed, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. ⁵Similarly, young men, be subjected to elders. And everyone, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for, “God resists proud ones, but gives grace to humble ones.” ⁶Therefore, humble yourselves under the powerful hand of God so that he may lift you up at a time, ⁷having cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary, the devil, is walking around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in the faith, knowing the same kind of sufferings are being brought to completion in your brotherhood in the world. ¹⁰But the God of all grace, the one who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, having suffered for a little while, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, {and} establish. ¹¹To him {be} the power forever. Amen.

¹²Through Silvanus, the faithful brother, as I regard {him}, I wrote to you briefly, exhorting and testifying this to be the true grace of God. Stand in it. ¹³She {who is} in Babylon, fellow-elect one, greets you, and my son Mark. ¹⁴Greet one another with a kiss of love.

Peace to you all who {are} in Christ.

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