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First Peter

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

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

[13] Therefore, 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. [14] As children of obedience, not
being conformed to your former desires in your ignorance,
[15] but as the one having called you *is* holy, you yourselves
also be holy in all your behavior. [16] For it is written, "You
will be holy, because I *am* holy." [17] And 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, [18] knowing that you have been redeemed not with
perishable things, with silver or with gold, from your futile
behavior handed down from your fathers, [19] but with the
precious blood of Christ, as of an unblemished and spotless
lamb, [20] having been foreknown before the foundation of the
world, but having been revealed in the last of the times for
you, [21] those 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. [22] Having purified your souls by
the obedience to the truth for sincere brotherly love, love
one another earnestly from a pure heart,[a] [23] having been
born again, not from perishable seed, but from imperishable,
through the living and enduring word of God. [24] For,

> "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,
> [25] but the word of the Lord endures into eternity."

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

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

[7] Therefore, the honor *is* to you, the ones believing. But
to those not believing,

> "A stone that the ones building rejected,
> this has become the head of the corner,"

[8] and,

> "A stone of stumbling
> and a rock of offense."

They stumble, disobeying the word to which also they were
appointed. [9] But 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 having called
you out from darkness into his marvelous light, [10] who once
were "not a people," but now "a people of God;" the ones "not
having received mercy," but now "having received mercy."

[11] Beloved ones, I exhort you as foreigners and exiles to
abstain from fleshly desires, which make war against the soul,
[12] keeping 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.

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

[18] House slaves, be subjected to your masters with all fear,
not only to the good and gentle ones, but also to the crooked
ones. [19] For this *finds* favor—if anyone endures sorrows,
suffering unjustly because of consciousness of God. [20] For
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. [21] For 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

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[a] Some older versions have *Having purified your souls by the obedience to the truth through the Spirit.*

22 “who did no sin,
neither was deceit found in his mouth;”

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

3 Similarly, 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, 2 having observed your pure behavior with fear,
3 whose adornment let be not the outward braiding of hair
and wearing of gold jewelry or wearing of fine clothing, 4 but
the hidden man of the heart, in the imperishable thing of the
gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious before God.
5 For in this manner also the holy women, the ones hoping
in God, formerly adorned themselves, being subjected to
their own husbands, 6 like Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling
him “lord,” whose children you have become, doing what is
good and not being afraid of any terror.

7 Husbands, 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.

8 Now finally, everyone *be* likeminded, sympathetic, loving
as brothers, tenderhearted, humble; 9 not 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.

10 For,
“Let the one wanting to love life and to see good days
stop his tongue from evil, and his lips
not to speak deceit.
11 But let him turn away from evil and let him do good.
Let him seek peace and let him pursue it, 12 for
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.”

13 And who *is* the one who will harm you if you become
zealous ones of the good? 14 But even if you might suffer
because of righteousness, *you are* blessed ones. But you should
not fear the fear of them nor be troubled, 15 but 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, 16 but with meekness and fear, having a good conscience
so that, in what you are being slandered, the ones reviling
your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed. 17 For*it is*
better to suffer doing good, if the will of God wills, than doing
evil. 18 For Christ also suffered once for sins—righteous on
behalf of unrighteous—so that he might bring you to God,
having indeed been killed in flesh, but having been made
alive in spirit, 19 in which also he proclaimed, having gone
to the spirits in prison, 20 having 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, 21 which, *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, 22 who is at the right hand of God, having
gone into heaven, with angels and authorities and powers
having been subjected to him.

4 Therefore, Christ having suffered in the flesh, also arm
yourselves *with* the same way of thinking, for the one
having suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin 2 in order to
no longer live the remaining time in the flesh for the desires
of men, but for the will of God. 3 For 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, 4 in which they are surprised
you are not running with *them* into the same outpouring
of recklessness, reviling; 5 they will give a word to the one
being ready to judge those living and dead ones. 6 For to
this the gospel was preached also to dead ones, so that they
might be judged indeed in the flesh according to men, but
they might live in the spirit according to God.

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

12 Beloved ones, do not regard as strange the fiery trial
among you, happening to you for a test, as a strange thing
happening to you, 13 but, 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. 14 If you are reviled
for the name of Christ, *you are* blessed ones because the Spirit
of glory and of God rests on you. 15 By all means do not let
any of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as
a meddler, 16 but if as a Christian, let him not be ashamed,
but let him glorify God in this name. 17 For *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?

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

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

5 Therefore, I—the fellow elder and witness of the
sufferings of Christ and the sharer of the glory being about
to be revealed—exhort the elders among you: 2 Shepherd
the flock of God among you, exercising oversight—not
under compulsion, but willingly, according to God—and
not greedily, but eagerly; 3 and not as lording it over your
portion, but being examples to the flock. 4 And when the Chief
Shepherd has been revealed, you will receive the unfading
crown of glory. 5 Similarly, 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.” 6 Therefore, humble yourselves under the
powerful hand of God so that he may lift you up at a time,
7 having cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for
you. 8 Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary, the devil, is

walking around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9 Resist him, firm in the faith, knowing the same kind of sufferings are being brought to completion in your brotherhood in the world. 10 But the God of all grace, the one having called you to his eternal glory in Christ, having suffered for a little *while*, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, *and* establish. 11 To him *be* the power forever. Amen.

12 Through 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. 13 She *who is* in Babylon, fellow-elect one, greets you, and my son Mark. 14 Greet one another with a kiss of love.

Peace to you, all those in Christ.