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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.

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

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

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.