# 1 Peter

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the chosen
sojourners of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia,
Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,
2 according to the foreknowledge of God the
Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for
obedience and sprinkling with the blood of Jesus
Christ: may grace and peace be multiplied to
you.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has caused us
to be born again to a living hope through the
resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
4 to an inheritance that is imperishable,
undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,
5 who are guarded by the power of God
through faith for a salvation ready to be
revealed in the last time.
6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a
little while, if necessary, you have been grieved
by various trials,
7 so that the tested genuineness of your faith,
more precious than gold that perishes though
tested by fire, may result in praise, glory, and
honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.
8 Though you have not seen him, you love
him. Though you do not see him now, you
believe in him and rejoice with inexpressible
and glorious joy,

9 receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation
of your souls.

10 Concerning this salvation, the prophets who
prophesied about the grace for you searched
and inquired diligently,
11 inquiring what time or what circumstances
the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when
he foretold the sufferings destined for Christ and
the glories to follow.
12 It was revealed to them that they were
serving these things not for themselves but for
you. These things have now been announced to
you through those who preached the gospel to
you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things
into which angels long to look.

13 Therefore, gird up the loins of your mind, be
sober, and set your hope fully on the grace being
brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.
14 As obedient children, do not conform
yourselves to the desires you formerly had in
your ignorance,
15 but as the one who called you is holy, you
also be holy in all your conduct,
16 for it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am
holy.”

17 And if you call on as Father the one who
judges impartially according to each person's
work, conduct yourselves in fear throughout the
time of your sojourning,
18 knowing that you were ransomed from the
futile way of life handed down from your

ancestors, not with perishable things such as
silver or gold,
19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like
that of a lamb without blemish or spot.
20 He was foreknown before the foundation of
the world but was revealed in the last times for
your sake,
21 you who through him believe in God, who
raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so
that your faith and hope are in God.
22 Having purified your souls by obedience to
the truth for sincere brotherly love, love one
another earnestly from the heart,
23 having been born again, not from
perishable seed but imperishable, through the
living and abiding word of God.
24 For
"All flesh is like grass, and all its glory like the
flower of grass.
The grass withered, and the flower fell,
25 but the word of the Lord remains forever."
And this is the word that was preached to you
as good news.

# 2

1 Therefore put away all malice, all deceit,
hypocrisy, envy, and all slander.
2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure
spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into
salvation,
3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is
good.

4 As you come to him, a living stone rejected
by human beings but chosen and precious in
God's sight,
5 you yourselves, like living stones, are being
built as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood,
to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God
through Jesus Christ.
6 For it stands in Scripture:
"Look, I am laying in Zion a chosen and precious
cornerstone, and whoever believes in him
will never be put to shame."
7 So the honor is for you who believe, but for
those who do not believe,
"The stone the builders rejected has become the
cornerstone,"
8 and
"A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense."
They stumble as they disobey the word; to this
they were also appointed.
9 But you are a chosen race, a royal
priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own
possession, so that you may proclaim the
excellencies of the one who called you out of
darkness into his marvelous light.
10 Once you were not a people, but now you
are God's people; once you had not received
mercy, but now you have received mercy.
11 Beloved, I urge you as foreigners and
sojourners to abstain from fleshly desires, which
wage war against the soul.
12 Keep your conduct honorable among the
Gentiles, so that, though they speak against you

as evildoers, they may see your good works and glorify God on the day of visitation.

13 Submit yourselves to every human institution for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme,

14 or to governors as those sent by him to punish evildoers and praise those who do good.

15 For this is the will of God, that by doing good you silence the ignorance of foolish people.

16 Live as free people, not using your freedom as a cover for evil, but as slaves of God.

17 Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

18 Household slaves, submit yourselves to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle but also to the crooked.

19 For it is commendable if someone, because he is conscious of God, endures grief while suffering unjustly.

20 For what credit is there if you endure beatings for sinning? But if you endure suffering for doing good, this is commendable before God.

21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example so that you might follow in his footsteps.

22 He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.

23 When he was insulted, he did not insult in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but entrusted himself to the one who judges justly.

24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that, having died to sins, we might live to

righteousness. By his wound you were healed.
25 For you were straying like sheep, but now
you have returned to the Shepherd and
Overseer of your souls.

# 3

1 Likewise, wives, submit yourselves to your
own husbands, so that even if some disobey the
word, they may be won without a word through
their wives' conduct,
2 when they observe your pure and respectful
conduct.
3 Let your adornment not be outward—the
braiding of hair, the wearing of gold, or the
putting on of clothes—
4 but the hidden person of the heart, in the
imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit,
which is very precious in God's sight.
5 For this is how the holy women who hoped
in God adorned themselves in former times,
submitting themselves to their own husbands,
6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord.
You have become her children if you do good
and do not fear any terror.

7 Husbands, likewise, live with your wives
with understanding, showing them honor as the
weaker vessel and as fellow heirs of the grace of
life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

8 Finally, all of you, be of one mind,
sympathetic, loving as brothers and sisters,
tenderhearted, and humble,

9 not repaying evil for evil or insult for insult,
but on the contrary blessing, because to this you
were called, so that you might inherit a blessing.
10 For
"Whoever wants to love life and see good days
must keep his tongue from evil and his
lips from speaking deceit.
11 Let him turn away from evil and do good;
let him seek peace and pursue it.
12 For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are attentive to their prayer,
but the face of the Lord is against those
who do evil."
13 And who will harm you if you become
zealous for what is good?
14 But even if you suffer for righteousness, you
are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, nor be
troubled,
15 but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts,
always being ready to give a defense to
everyone who asks you for a reason for the hope
within you,
16 but with gentleness and respect, keeping a
good conscience, so that when you are
slandered, those who revile your good conduct
in Christ may be put to shame.
17 For it is better to suffer for doing good, if
that is God's will, than for doing evil.
18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the
righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to
God, put to death in the flesh but made alive in
the spirit,

19 in which he also went and proclaimed to the
spirits in prison,
20 who once disobeyed, when God's patience
waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was
being prepared. In it a few, that is, eight
persons, were brought safely through water.
21 Baptism, corresponding to this, now also
saves you—not the removal of dirt from the
body, but an appeal to God for a good
conscience—through the resurrection of Jesus
Christ,
22 who is at the right hand of God, having gone
into heaven, with angels, authorities, and
powers subjected to him.

# 4

1 Therefore, since Christ suffered in the flesh,
arm yourselves also with the same thought, for
whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased
from sin,
2 so as to live the remaining time in the flesh
no longer for human desires but for the will of
God.
3 For you have spent enough time in the past
doing what the Gentiles desire, living in
debauchery, lusts, drunkenness, revelries,
drinking parties, and unlawful idolatries.
4 They are surprised that you do not run with
them into the same flood of debauchery, and
they slander you.
5 They will give an account to the one who is
ready to judge the living and the dead.

6 For this reason the gospel was preached even
to the dead, so that they might be judged in the
flesh according to human beings but live in the
spirit according to God.
7 The end of all things has drawn near.
Therefore be self-controlled and sober for your
prayers.
8 Above all, maintain earnest love for one
another, because love covers a multitude of sins.
9 Be hospitable to one another without
grumbling.
10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve
one another as good stewards of God's varied
grace.
11 If anyone speaks, let him speak as one
speaking the words of God. If anyone serves, let
him serve from the strength God supplies, so
that in everything God may be glorified through
Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and
dominion forever and ever. Amen.
12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial
taking place among you to test you, as though
something strange were happening to you.
13 But rejoice insofar as you share in Christ's
sufferings, so that you may also rejoice with
great joy at the revelation of his glory.
14 If you are insulted for the name of Christ,
you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and
of God rests on you.
15 For let none of you suffer as a murderer, a
thief, an evildoer, or a meddler in others' affairs.
16 But if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him
not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this

name.
17 For it is time for judgment to begin with the
house of God. And if it begins with us first, what
will be the end of those who disobey the gospel
of God?
18 And “If the righteous person is saved with
difficulty, where will the ungodly and the sinner
appear?”
19 Therefore let those who suffer according to
God's will entrust their souls to the faithful
Creator while doing good.

# 5

1 Therefore I exhort the elders among you, as a
fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings,
and a sharer in the glory to be revealed:
2 shepherd the flock of God among you,
overseeing it not under compulsion but
willingly, as God desires, not for shameful gain
but eagerly,
3 not lording it over those entrusted to you,
but becoming examples to the flock.
4 And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you
will receive the unfading crown of glory.
5 Likewise, you who are younger, submit to the
elders. And all of you, clothe yourselves with
humility toward one another, for “God opposes
the proud but gives grace to the humble.”
6 Humble yourselves therefore under the
mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in
due time,
7 casting all your cares on him, for he cares for
you.

8 Be sober and watchful. Your adversary the
devil prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking
someone to devour.
9 Resist him, firm in the faith, knowing that
your brotherhood throughout the world is
experiencing the same sufferings.
10 And the God of all grace, who called you to
his eternal glory in Christ, after you have
suffered a little while, will himself restore,
confirm, strengthen, and establish you.
11 To him be dominion forever and ever.
Amen.
12 Through Silvanus, whom I regard as a
faithful brother, I have written to you briefly,
exhorting and testifying that this is the true
grace of God. Stand firm in it.
13 She who is in Babylon, chosen with you,
greets you, and so does Mark my son.
14 Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace
to all of you who are in Christ.

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