

FIRST PETER

1:1 Peter, *an* apostle of Jesus Christ *to the* chosen pilgrims of the dispersion of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bythinia, ²according-to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and the sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: May grace and peace be multiplied *to* you.

Blessed Be God For Our Present And Future Salvation, Which Was Prophesied Long Ago

³Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the *One* having caused us to be born-again according to His great mercy to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an undecayable and undefiled and unfading inheritance having been reserved in the heavens for you— ⁵the *ones* being guarded by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time,

⁶... in which you are rejoicing-greatly, [although] right-now for a little *while*, if it is necessary, having been grieved by various trials ⁷in order that the genuineness of your faith— *being* more-valuable than gold (*which is* perishing), though being tested by fire— may be found resulting-in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ,

⁸... Whom not having seen, you are loving; in Whom— right-now not seeing *Him*, but believing— you are rejoicing-greatly with inexpressible and glorified joy ⁹while receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls,

¹⁰... concerning which salvation prophets sought-out and searched-out— the *ones* having prophesied about the grace for you— ¹¹searching for what *person* or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating while predicting the sufferings for Christ and the glories after these, ¹²to whom it was revealed that they were ministering them not for themselves, but for you,

... which *things* now were declared to you through the *ones* having announced-the-good-news-to you by the Holy Spirit having been sent-forth from heaven, into which *things* angels desire to look.

In Light of What God Has Done:

¹³Therefore:

Put Your Hope Completely Upon Your Coming Salvation

Having girded-up the waist of your minds, being sober— put-your-hope completely upon the grace being brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Be Holy In All Your Conduct

¹⁴As children of obedience not being conformed to the former desires in-connection-with your ignorance, ¹⁵but in accordance with the holy *One* having called you— be holy yourselves also in all your conduct. ¹⁶Because it has been written that “You shall be holy, because I am holy” [Lev 19:2].

Live Out Your Days In The Fear of God

¹⁷And if you are calling-upon as Father the *One* judging without-respect-of-persons according to the work of each *person*— conduct the time of your stay with fear, ¹⁸knowing that you were redeemed from your futile way-of-life handed-down-from-your-fathers not with perishable things, silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without-blemish and without-spot; ²⁰He having been foreknown before the foundation of the world but having appeared at the last of times for your sake, ²¹the believers through Him in God— the *One* having raised Him from the dead and having given Him glory— so that your faith and hope are in God.

Love One Another From a Pure Heart

²²Having purified your souls in obedience of the truth for a sincere brotherly-love— love one another fervently from a pure heart, ²³having been born-again not from perishable seed but imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God. ²⁴Because “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like a flower of grass. The grass was dried-up and the flower fell-off. ²⁵But the word of the Lord abides forever” [Isa 40:6-8]— and this is the word having been announced-as-good-news to you.

Yearn For His Word So That You May Grow

2:1 Having then laid-aside all badness, and all deceit and hypocrisies and jealousies, and all slanders—²yearn like newborn babies for the deceitless milk of-the-Word in order that by it you may grow in [your] salvation, ³if you tasted that the Lord is good—

For You Are Being Built Upon The Living Cornerstone As a Holy Priesthood

⁴... coming to Whom *as the* living Stone having been rejected by people, but chosen, precious with God, ⁵you yourselves also as living stones are being built *as a* spiritual house for *a* holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable *to* God through Jesus Christ. ⁶Because it is contained in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying *a* Stone in Zion— *a* chosen, precious Cornerstone. And the *one* putting-faith upon Him will never be put-to-shame” [Isa 28:16]. ⁷The *precious*-value then *is for* you, the *ones* believing. But *for ones* not-believing: “*The* Stone which the *ones* building rejected, this became *the* head of the corner” [Ps 118:22] ⁸and “*a* Stone of stumbling and *a* Rock of falling” [Isa 8:14]— who stumble while disobeying the word, to which indeed they were appointed.

And You Are Chosen By God To Report His Virtues To The World

⁹And you *are a* chosen family, *a* royal priesthood, *a* holy nation, *a* people for *His* possession, so that you may report the virtues of the *One* having called you out of darkness into His marvelous light— ¹⁰who once *were* not *a* people, but now *are the* people of God; the *ones* not having received-mercy, but now having received-mercy.

Beloved, Keep Your Conduct Praiseworthy In The World So That God May Be Glorified

¹¹Beloved, I exhort *you* as foreigners and pilgrims to be abstaining *from* fleshly desires which wage-war against the soul, ¹²holding your conduct good among the Gentiles in order that in what they are speaking-against you as evil-doers, they may by observing *your* good works glorify God on *the* day of visitation.

Be Subject To Human Institutions For The Lord's Sake

¹³Be subject *to* every human institution for the Lord's sake— whether *to a* king as being superior, ¹⁴or *to* governors as being sent by him for *the* punishment of evil-doers and praise of good-doers. ¹⁵Because thus is the will of God, *that* while doing-good *you may* be silencing the ignorance of foolish people.

Honor Everyone

¹⁶As free *ones*, and not having the freedom as *a* covering of evilness, but as slaves of God, ¹⁷honor everyone: be loving the brotherhood, be fearing God, be honoring the king;

Be Subject To Your Masters, Whether Good Or Bad, Following Christ's Example

¹⁸... servants, being subject *to your* masters with all fear, not only *to* the good and kind *ones*, but also *to* the crooked *ones*. ¹⁹For this *finds* favor— if for the sake of *a* consciousness of God one bears-up while suffering sorrows unjustly. ²⁰For what-kind-of credit *is it* if while sinning and being beaten, you will endure? But if while doing-good and suffering you will endure, this *finds* favor with God. ²¹For you were called to this. Because Christ also suffered for you, leaving-behind *a* pattern *for* you in order that you might follow-after His footsteps—

Christ Suffered Unjustly, Entrusting Himself To God

²²... Who “did not commit sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth” [Isa 53:9]; ²³Who while being reviled, was not reviling-in-return; while suffering, was not threatening, but was committing *Himself* to the *One* judging righteously; ²⁴Who *Himself* bore our sins in His body on the cross in order that we, having died *to* sins, might live *for* righteousness; *by* Whose bruise you were healed. ²⁵For you were going-astray like sheep, but now you returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Be Subject To Your Husbands, Adorning Yourself With Things Precious To God

3:1 Likewise wives, being subject *to your* own husbands, in order that even if any are disobeying the word, they may be gained without *a* word by the conduct of *their* wives, ²having observed your pure conduct with fear— ³of whom let *what is observed* be not the outside adornment *consisting of a* braiding of hair and *a* wearing of gold *things* or putting-on of garments, ⁴but the hidden person of the heart in the imperishable *adorning consisting of* the gentle and quiet spirit, which is very-precious in the sight of God. ⁵For in this manner formerly also the holy wives putting-hope in God were adorning themselves, being subject *to their* own husbands, ⁶as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord— *of* whom you became children while doing-good and not fearing any terror.

Honor Your Wives As Fellow Heirs of The Gift of Life

⁷Husbands likewise, living-with *them* according-to knowledge, showing honor *to* the feminine *one* as *to the* weaker vessel, as indeed *to your* fellow-heirs of *the* grace of life, so that your prayers *may* not be hindered.

Everyone Be Loving, Humbleminded, And Doing Good

⁸And finally, everyone— *being* likeminded, sympathetic, brother-loving, tender-hearted, humbleminded, ⁹not giving-back evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, blessing *them*. Because you were called to this, in order that you might inherit *a* blessing. ¹⁰For “the *one* desiring to love life and see good days— let him stop *his* tongue from evil and *his* lips *that they* not speak deceit; ¹¹and let him turn-away from evil and do good. Let him seek peace and pursue it. ¹²Because *the* eyes of the Lord *are* upon *the* righteous, and His ears *are* open to their prayer. But *the* face of the Lord *is* against *ones* doing evil *things*” [Ps 34:12-16].

You Are Blessed If You Suffer For Righteousness

¹³And who *is* the *one* who will do you evil if you become zealots *for* good? ¹⁴But even though you might be suffering for the sake of righteousness, *you are* blessed *ones*!

Make Christ Lord In Your Heart As You Suffer For Doing Good

But do not fear their fear, nor be disturbed, ¹⁵but set Christ apart *as* Lord in your hearts, *being* ready always for *a* defense *to* everyone asking you *a* reason for the hope in you, ¹⁶but with gentleness and fear, having *a* good conscience in order that in what you are spoken-against, the *ones* maligning your good conduct in Christ may be put-to-shame. ¹⁷For *it is* better to be suffering while doing-good, if the will *of* God should [so] will *it*, than while doing-evil.

Because Christ Himself Suffered To Bring Us To God, And Is Now Glorified By God

¹⁸Because Christ also suffered once-for-all for sins— *a* righteous *One* for unrighteous *ones*— in order that He might bring you to God, having been put-to-death *in the* flesh but made-alive *by the* Spirit,

¹⁹... by Whom also having gone, He proclaimed *to* the spirits in prison— ²⁰*ones* having disobeyed formerly when the patience *of* God was waiting in *the* days *of* Noah while *an* ark was being prepared,

... in which *a* few (that is, eight souls) were brought-safely through *the* water,

²¹... which also *as to* you *a* corresponding-*thing* now saves— baptism (not *a* putting-off *of* dirt *from the* flesh, 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, angels and authorities and powers having been subjected *to* Him.

Therefore Arm Yourselves With The Same Intention

4:1 Therefore, Christ having suffered *in the* flesh, **you** also arm-*yourselves* with the same intention. Because the *one* having suffered *in the* flesh has ceased *from* sin, ²so as to live the remaining time in *the* flesh no longer *for the* desires *of* humans, but *for the* will *of* God. ³For the time having passed *is* enough *for you* to have worked-out the will *of* the Gentiles, having walked in sensualities, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking-parties and unlawful idolatries, ⁴in connection with which they are thinking-*it*-strange *that you are* not running-with *them* into the same excess *of* wild-living, while *they continue* blaspheming— ⁵who shall render *an* account *to* the *One* being ready to judge *the* living and *the* dead. ⁶For to this *end* it was announced-as-good-news even *to the* dead: that they might be judged according-to people *in the* flesh, but be living according to God *in the* spirit. ⁷And the end *of all things* has drawn-near.

So Be Sober In Prayer, Loving One Another, And Good Stewards of God's Gifts To You

Therefore be sound-minded and be sober in *your* prayers— ⁸above all, having fervent love for each other, because love covers *a* multitude *of* sins; ⁹*being* hospitable to one another without grumbling; ¹⁰as each received *a* *grace*-gift, ministering it to each other as good stewards *of the* diversified grace *of* God— ¹¹if anyone speaks, as *speaking* oracles *of* God; if anyone serves, as *serving* by strength which God supplies— in order that God may be glorified in all *things* through Jesus Christ, *to* Whom is the glory and the dominion forever and ever, amen.

Beloved, Be Rejoicing To Share In The Sufferings of Christ

¹²Beloved, do not be thinking-strange the fiery *suffering* among you coming *upon* you for *a* trial, *as-though* *a* strange *thing* were happening *to* you, ¹³but be rejoicing to-the-degree you are sharing *in* the sufferings *of* Christ, in order that you may also rejoice while being overjoyed at the revelation *of* His glory! ¹⁴If you are being reproached in *the* name *of* Christ, *you are* blessed *ones*!— because the Spirit *of* glory and *of* God is resting upon you. ¹⁵For let none *of* you be suffering as *a* murderer or thief or evil-doer, or as *a* meddler. ¹⁶But if *one* suffers as *a* Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him be glorifying God in this name. ¹⁷Because *it is* time *that* the judgment begin from the household *of* God. But if *it begins* first from us, what *will be* the outcome *of the* *ones* disobeying the good-news *of* God? ¹⁸“And if the righteous *one* is saved with-difficulty, where will the ungodly and sinner appear?” [Prov 11:31].

Entrust Your Souls To God While Doing Good

¹⁹So then, let indeed the *ones* suffering according to the will *of* God be entrusting their souls in good-doing *to a* faithful Creator.

So Elders, Lead By Example

5:1 Therefore I exhort the elders among you, *I* the fellow-elder and witness *of the* sufferings *of* Christ, the sharer also *of the* glory going-to be revealed: ²Shepherd the flock *of* God among you, exercising-oversight— not by-compulsion, but willingly, according to God; nor greedily, but eagerly; ³nor as lording-over *your* lots, but being patterns *for* the flock. ⁴And the Chief-shepherd having appeared, you will receive the unfading crown *of* glory.

Young Men, Follow

⁵Likewise, younger *men*— be subject *to the* elders.

Everyone, Be Humble And Keep Watch For The Adversary

And everyone— clothe-*yourselves*-with humblemindedness *toward* one another. Because “God opposes *the* proud, but He gives grace *to the* humble” [Prov 3:34]. ⁶Therefore humble *yourselves* under the mighty hand *of* God in order that He may exalt you at *the* proper-time, ⁷having cast all your anxiety upon Him, because He is concerned about you. ⁸Be sober, keep-watch. Your adversary *the* devil is walking-around like *a* roaring lion, seeking someone to devour— ⁹whom resist, firm *in* the faith, knowing *that* the same *kinds of* sufferings *are* being accomplished *by* your brotherhood *in* the world.

And The God of All Grace Will Establish You After Your Sufferings

¹⁰And the God *of* all grace, the *One* having called you into His eternal glory in Christ Jesus— *you* having suffered *a* little— will Himself restore, support, strengthen, establish *you*. ¹¹*To Him be* the dominion forever, amen.

¹²I wrote *to* you through Silvanus, the faithful brother, as I count *him*, with *a* few words exhorting and bearing-witness *that* this is *the* true grace *of* God— in which, stand [firm]. ¹³*She* in Babylon chosen-with *you* greets you. Also Mark, my son. ¹⁴Greet one another with *a* kiss *of* love. Peace *to* you, *to* all the *ones* in Christ.