

The First General Epistle of  
**PETER**

**1 PETER 1**

*God has begotten us again to a living hope; the testing of your faith; the Spirit of Christ in the prophets*

**CHAPTER 1**

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the chosen foreign residents of the dispersion of Pontus, of Galatia, of Cappadocia, of Asia, and of Bithynia, Note James 1:1

2 According to *the* foreknowledge of Father God, in sanctification of the Spirit, for attentive hearing and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you, and peace be multiplied.

3 Blessed *is* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the one who according to his great mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through *the* resurrection of Jesus Christ out of the dead,

4 To an inheritance undecaying, and unsoiled, and unfading, kept beforehand in heaven for you,

5 The ones guarded beforehand in *the* power of God through faith into salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

6 In which you jump for joy, though now for a little while, if it is necessary, you are saddened in various temptations,

7 That the testing of your faith, *being* more precious than gold that perishes, and having been tested through fire, may be found to praise, and honor, and glory in the revelation of Jesus Christ,

8 Whom having absolutely not seen, you love, yet believing into him whom you are not see-

ing, you jump for joy with joy unspeakable and glorious,

9 Being provided the end of your faith, *the* salvation of *your* souls,

10 Concerning which salvation the prophets have searched and drawn out, prophesying concerning the grace for you,

11 Searching for what time, or what sort of time the Spirit of Christ in them made plain, witnessing in advance of the sufferings for Christ, and the glory after these things;

12 To whom it was revealed, that absolutely not to themselves, but to you they ministered those things which are now announced to you through those having announced the good news to you in the Holy Spirit set apart and sent from heaven, which things the *heavenly* messengers set their passion to lean out and peer into.

13 Therefore freshly girding the loins of your mind, be sober, and perfectly hope upon the grace being brought to you in the revelation of Jesus Christ,

14 As children attentively hearing, not fashioning yourselves like previously in the ignorance of your passions,

15 But according to the Holy One who has called you, you also become holy in all behavior,

16 On the very account it is written, Be holy, because I am holy.

**1 PETER 2** *Redeemed with the precious blood of Christ; as infants crave the milk of the word; to you is His preciousness*

17 And if you call on Father, the one judging everyone's work without taking faces, conduct yourself around your time of foreign residency in fear,

18 Seeing that you were absolutely not redeemed with decaying things, silver or gold, out of your empty behavior received by tradition from your fathers,

19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb unblemished and unspotted,

20 Who truly was foreknown before the foundation of the world, and was manifest in these last times because of you,

21 Those believing into God through him, the one raising him out of the dead, and having given glory to him, that your faith and hope may be in God,

22 Having sanctified your souls in hearing attentively the truth through *the* Spirit into unhypocritical brotherly love, out of a clean heart love one another intently,

23 Having been begotten again, absolutely not of decaying seed, but of undecaying, through the living word of God, and remaining forever. See Note-Confession

Luke 8:11

24 On the very account that all flesh *is* as vegetation, and all *the* glory of man as *the* flower of vegetation. The vegetation dries up, and its flower falls off,

25 And the spoken word of *the* Lord remains forever. And this is the spoken word announced as the good news to you.

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## CHAPTER 2

1 Therefore putting away all wickedness, and all baited entrapment, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all defaming,

2 As newborn infants, intensely crave the logical unadulterated milk, that you may grow in it,

3 If you have tasted that the Lord is excellent.

4 Having drawn near to him, a living stone, rejected indeed of men, and chosen alongside of God, precious,

5 And as living stones you are being built a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

6 Also because it is held completely in Scripture, Behold, I place in Zion a chief corner stone, chosen, valued, and the one believing on him will absolutely not be shamed down. *Psa*

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7 Therefore, to you *is* the preciousness.<sup>7</sup> And to those not believing, *the* stone which those building rejected, this one became the head of the corner,

8 And an offense, and a massive rock of offense to those stumbling at the word, being unconvinced, for which also they were placed.

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<sup>7</sup> 2:7 **preciousness**, *time*, value, preciousness. The meaning is not: To you therefore he is precious, but the meaning is: Therefore, to you is the preciousness, that is, His value or preciousness is calculated or imputed to us, making us precious to God, because the preciousness of Jesus is transferred to us through faith.

*You are a kingly priesthood; good behavior in the world; follow the example of Christ* **1 PETER 2**

9 And you are a chosen generation, a kingly priesthood, a holy race, a purchased people, that you should announce the manliness of the one having called you out of darkness into his marvelous light;

Note Php 4:8

10 *You* who in time past *were* absolutely not a people, and now *are* God's people, those absolutely not obtaining mercy, and now having obtained mercy.

11 Beloved, I call on you as foreign residents *of the world* and non-citizens, abstain from fleshly passions which war against the soul,

12 Having your behavior beautifully good among the races, that, in which they speak against you as doers of worthlessness, they may out of *your* beautifully good works, which they will look upon, glorify God in the day of visitation.

13 Arrange yourselves under every creation of man because of the Lord, if it *is* to *the* king, as *the* highest,

14 Or to governors, as to them sent through him for the revenge of doers of worthlessness, and for the praise of those doing the inherent good.

15 Because so is the will of God, *that* with inherent well doing you muzzle the ignorance of mindless men;

16 As free, and not having your liberty as a covering of wickedness, but as servants of God.

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

18 Domesticated, arrange yourself under your absolute rulers in all fear, not only to the inherently good and appropriate, but also to the crooked,

19 Because this is grace, if anyone because of conscience toward God endures sadness, experiencing *this* unjustly.

20 Because what renown is it, if, when you are rapped with the fist for your sins, you endure? But if, doing inherent good, and experiencing *this*, you endure, this is grace alongside of God.

21 Because to this you were called, since Christ also suffered for us, leaving us a copy for imitation, that you should follow his steps,

22 Who absolutely did no sin, and baited entrapment was absolutely not found in his mouth,

23 Who, being reproached, absolutely did not reproach back; suffering, he absolutely did not threaten, but gave *himself* over to the one judging righteously,

24 Who his own self carried our sins in his body upon the tree, that, dying to sins, we might live to righteousness, by whose stripes you were healed.

25 Because you were as sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

CHAPTER 3

1 Similarly, you wives, arrange yourselves under your own husbands, that if anyone is not convinced by the word, they also may without the word be gained through the behavior of the wives,

2 Looking upon your clean behavior in fear,

3 Of whom let it absolutely not be the outside, of elaborate braiding of *the* hair, and of placing gold all around, or of sinking in worldly clothing,

4 But the secret man of the heart, in the undecaying meek and quiet spirit, which is before the face of God of great price.

5 Because in this way in time past also the holy women hoping into God adorned themselves, arranging themselves under their own husbands.

6 In this way Sarah attentively listened to Abraham, calling him lord, whose children you are, doing inherent good, and not fearing any alarm.

7 Similarly, husbands, being housed with *them* according to knowledge, bestow honor on the wife as the weaker vessel, also as heirs together of the grace of life for your prayers not to be cut into.

8 And finally, all *be* like-minded, sympathetic, loving *the* brothers, tenderhearted, loving in mind,

9 Not giving back worthlessness for worthlessness, or slander for slander, but on the contrary, blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you might inherit blessing.

10 Because the one determining to love life, and to see inherently good days, let him stop his tongue from worthlessness, and his lips not to speak baited entrapment.

11 Let him turn away from worthlessness, and do inherent good; let him seek peace, and pursue it,

12 Because the eyes of *the* Lord *are* upon the righteous, and his ears *are open* to their petition, but *the* face of *the* Lord is against those doing worthlessness.

13 And who is the one harming you, if you are imitators of the inherent good?

14 But if you also suffer because of righteousness, *you are* blessed, and do not fear their fear, nor be stirred;

15 And sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and be ready always for a defense to everyone asking you a word concerning the hope in you with meekness and fear,

16 Having an inherently good conscience, that, in whatever they speak against you, as doers of worthlessness, they may be shamed down who slander your inherently good behavior in Christ.

17 Because *it is* better, if the will of God wills *it*, to suffer for doing inherently good, than for doing worthlessness.

18 Because Christ also has suffered one single time concerning sins, *the* righteous for *the* unrighteous, that he might bring you to God, truly being put to death in the flesh, and made alive in the Spirit,

19 In which also, traveling, to the spirits in prison, he preached See Note on 1 Pet 4:6

20 To those being unconvinced then, when once the perseverance of God was waiting in the days of Noah, while the ark was being thoroughly prepared, in which few, that is, eight souls were thoroughly saved through water,

21 Which also baptism *as* an anti-type now saves us (absolutely not the putting away of *the* filth of *the* flesh, but the answer of a inherently good conscience toward God) through *the* resurrection of Jesus Christ,

22 Who is on the right side of God, having traveled into heaven, *heavenly* messengers, and authorities, and powers being arranged under him.

#### CHAPTER 4

1 Therefore as Christ has suffered for us in *the* flesh, you also arm yourselves with the same mind, because the one having suffered in the flesh has stopped sin,

2 That he no longer live the rest of *his* time in *the* flesh to the passions of men, but to the will of God,

3 Because *the* time of life having passed to us is sufficient to have fully worked the will of the races, having traveled in lack of moral restraint, passions, excess of wine, carousals, drinking parties, and unlawful idolatries,

4 In which they consider it strange - your not running headlong with *them* to the same excess of unsaved condition, blaspheming -

5 Who will give back *the* word to the one having a readiness to judge the living and the dead.

6 Because for this, the good news was announced to the dead<sup>6</sup>, that they truly might be judged according to men in the flesh, and might live according to God in the spirit.

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<sup>6</sup> 4:6 the dead, *nekrois*, those dead. As the believers in Thessalonica had wondered if their dead loved ones would miss the blessing of the second coming, 1 The 4:13-18, so the believers to whom Peter wrote wondered how those who died before the good news was fully revealed in the life of Jesus Christ would be judged. Peter assures them that the good news was preached not only to those presently living, but also to those already dead, meaning that those who died before the coming of Christ heard the good news **in their lifetime** also, and would live with God forever just as those saved in the present day.

The preaching of Christ in the Spirit to the spirits in prison, in 3:19-20, is something different. It was an announcement of fact to the condemned that the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus were now complete, and their condition was now finally judicially sealed by the final judicial act flowing from the cross and resurrection. We know He announced his victory in heaven, and all the saved in heaven immediately knew it. The statements in 1 Pet 3:19-20 is to assure us that the condemned were given also the announcement that their sentence was judicially right. Those already dead were justified or

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7 And the end of all things draws near; therefore, be of a saved mind and sober into prayer,

8 And above all things, have intense love toward yourselves, because love will cover a multitude of sins.

9 Use hospitality to one another without grumbling.

10 As each one has taken a gift, so minister the same to one another, as beautifully good stewards of the many faceted grace of God.

11 If anyone speaks, *let him speak* as the word of God; if anyone ministers, *let him minister* as out of the strength God furnishes, that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom is the glory and might to the ages of the ages. Amen.

12 Beloved, do not consider the burning fire among you to tempt you *to be* strange, as something strange happening to you,

13 But rejoice, precisely as you are sharers of Christ's sufferings, that in the revelation of

condemned in the past, during their lifetimes, just as people are justified or condemned in the present. They did not know as much before the coming of Christ as people know today, but they were evangelized sufficiently for them to believe or reject God with reference to the future coming of Christ. There is not anything anywhere in the Bible to teach that humans who have died had an opportunity to hear an offer of salvation and decide to be saved after death. A holy principle of interpretation you must always adhere to, is to make any and all obscure Scriptures agree with the rest of the Bible that is crystal clear. Never override the crystal clear Scriptures with a Scripture whose interpretation could be taken in more than one way. In following this Holy Spirit given principle, you avoid falling into Satan's trap of teaching a false doctrine based upon a Scripture where our full understanding is not complete.

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his glory you may rejoice, jumping for joy.

14 If you are reproached in the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you; indeed according to them he is blasphemed, and according to you he is glorified.

15 Therefore do not let any of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evildoer, or as a meddler in the affairs of others.

16 And if *anyone suffers* as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, and let him glorify God in this respect.

17 Because *it is* time to begin the judgment from the house of God, and if it first *begins* from us, what *will be* the end of those not being convinced of the good news of God?

18 And if the righteous are saved with difficulty, where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?

19 Therefore let those suffering according to the will of God place their souls alongside of *God* in inherent well doing, as to a faithful Creator.

**CHAPTER 5**

1 I call on the elders among you, who *am* also a fellow-elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a sharer of the glory about to be revealed,

2 Shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not by compulsion, but voluntarily, not for shameful gain, but of a ready passion;

*Be humble that he may exalt you; stand against the devil; personal greetings* **1 PETER 5**

3 And not as oppressing the allotments, but becoming examples to the flock.

4 And at *the* appearing of the Head Shepherd, you will be provided an unfading crown of glory.

5 Similarly, you younger, arrange yourselves under *the* elder; and all *of you* arrange yourselves under one another, and gird yourself with the apron of humility, because God arranges himself against those appearing higher, and gives grace to *the* humble.

6 Be humble therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time,

7 Throwing all your care upon him, because he cares for you.

8 Be sober, keep awake, because your adversary *the* devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking anyone he may gulp down,

9 Whom stand against solidly in the faith, seeing that the same sufferings are completed in your brothers in the world.

10 And the God of all grace, the one calling us to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, *your* having suffered a little, complete you thoroughly, make you steadfast, strengthen, *thoroughly* established *your* foundation.

11 To him *be* the glory and might to the ages of the ages. Amen.

12 As I calculated, I wrote a small *letter* to you through Silvanus, the faithful brother, comforting, and testifying this is the true grace of God in which you stand.

13 Those chosen with you in Babylon, embrace you, and Mark,<sup>13</sup> my son.

14 Embrace one another in a kiss of love. Peace to you, all those in Christ Jesus. Amen.

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<sup>13</sup> **5:13** Tradition says that the Gospel of Mark is the account given to Mark by Peter.

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