

THE FIRST EPISTLE GENERAL OF PETER

- 1:1 Peter, apostle of Jesus Christ, to *the* sojourners of *the* dispersion of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,
- 2 elect according to *the* foreknowledge of God *the* Father, by sanctification of *the* Spirit, unto *the* obedience and sprinkling of *the* blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.
- 3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, according to his great mercy, has begotten us again to a living hope through *the* resurrection of Jesus Christ from among *the* dead,
- 4 to an incorruptible and undefiled and unfading inheritance, reserved in *the* heavens for you,
- 5 who are kept guarded by *the* power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in *the* last time.
- 6 Wherein ye exult, for a little while at present, if needed, put to grief by various trials,
- 7 that the proving of your faith, much more precious than of gold which perishes, though it be proved by fire, be found to praise and glory and honour in *the* revelation of Jesus Christ:
- 8 whom, having not seen, ye love; on whom *though* not now looking, but believing, ye exult with joy unspeakable and filled with *the* glory,
- 9 receiving the end of your faith, *the* salvation of *your* souls.
- 10 Concerning which salvation prophets, who have prophesied of the grace towards you, sought out and searched out;
- 11 searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ which *was* in them pointed out, testifying before of the sufferings which *belonged* to Christ, and the glories after these.
- 12 To whom it was revealed, that not to themselves but to you they ministered those things, which have now been announced to you by those who have declared to you the

- glad tidings by *the* Holy Spirit, sent from heaven, which angels desire to look into.
- 13 Wherefore, having girded up the loins of your mind, *be* sober *and* hope with perfect stedfastness in the grace *which will be* brought to you at *the* revelation of Jesus Christ;
- 14 as children of obedience, not conformed to *your* former lusts in your ignorance;
- 15 but as he who has called you is holy, be ye also holy in all *your* conversation;
- 16 because it is written, Be ye holy, for I am holy.
- 17 And if ye invoke as Father him who, without regard of persons, judges according to the work of each, pass your time of sojourn in fear,
- 18 knowing that ye have been redeemed, not by corruptible *things*, as silver or gold, from your vain conversation handed down from *your* fathers,
- 19 but by precious blood, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot, *the blood* of Christ,
- 20 foreknown indeed before *the* foundation of *the* world, but who has been manifested at the end of times for your sakes,
- 21 who by him do believe on God, who has raised him from among *the* dead and given him glory, that your faith and hope should be in God.
- 22 Having purified your souls by obedience to the truth to unfeigned brotherly love, love one another out of a pure heart fervently;
- 23 being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by *the* living and abiding word of God.
- 24 Because all flesh *is* as grass, and all its glory as *the* flower of grass. The grass has withered and *its* flower has fallen;
- 25 but the word of *the* Lord abides for eternity. But this is the word which in the glad tidings *is* preached to you.
- 2:1 Laying aside therefore all malice and all guile and hypocrisies and envyings and all evil speakings,
- 2 as newborn babes desire earnestly the pure mental milk of the word, that by it ye may grow up to salvation,
- 3 if indeed ye have tasted that the Lord *is* good.

- 4 To whom coming, a living stone, cast away indeed as worthless by men, but with God chosen, precious,
- 5 yourselves also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.
- 6 Because it is contained in the scripture: Behold, I lay in Zion a corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believes on him shall not be put to shame.
- 7 To you therefore who believe *is* the preciousness; but to the disobedient, the stone which the builders cast away as worthless, this is become head of *the* corner,
- 8 and a stone of stumbling and rock of offence; *who* stumble at the word, being disobedient to which also they have been appointed.
- 9 But ye *are* a chosen race, a kingly priesthood, a holy nation, a people for a possession, that ye might set forth the excellencies of him who has called you out of darkness to his wonderful light;
- 10 who once *were* not a people, but now God's people; who were not enjoying mercy, but now have found mercy.
- 11 Beloved, I exhort *you*, as strangers and sojourners, to abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;
- 12 having your conversation honest among the Gentiles, that *as to that* in which they speak against you as evildoers, they may through *your* good works, *themselves* witnessing *them*, glorify God in *the* day of visitation.
- 13 Be in subjection *therefore* to every human institution for the Lord's sake; whether to *the* king as supreme,
- 14 or to rulers as sent by him, for vengeance on evildoers, and praise to them that do well.
- 15 Because so is the will of God, that by well-doing ye put to silence the ignorance of senseless men;
- 16 as free, and not as having liberty as a cloak of malice, but as God's bondmen.
- 17 Shew honour to all, love the brotherhood, fear God, honour the king.
- 18 Servants, *be* subject with all fear to your masters, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the ill-tempered.
- 19 For this *is* acceptable, if one, for conscience sake towards God, endure griefs, suffering unjustly.

- 20 For what glory *is it*, if sinning and being buffeted ye shall bear *it*? but if, doing good and suffering, ye shall bear *it*, this is acceptable with God.
- 21 For to this have ye been called; for Christ also has suffered for you, leaving you a model that ye should follow in his steps:
- 22 who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth;
- 23 who, *when* reviled, reviled not again; *when* suffering, threatened not; but gave *himself* over into the hands of him who judges righteously;
- 24 who himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, in order that, being dead to sins, we may live to righteousness: by whose stripes ye have been healed.
- 25 For ye were going astray as sheep, but have now returned to the shepherd and overseer of your souls.
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- 3:1 Likewise, wives, *be* subject to your own husbands, that, even if any are disobedient to the word, they may be gained without *the* word by the conversation of the wives,
- 2 having witnessed your pure conversation *carried out* in fear;
- 3 whose adorning let it not be that outward one of tressing of hair, and wearing gold, or putting on apparel;
- 4 but the hidden man of the heart, in the incorruptible *ornament* of a meek and quiet spirit, which in the sight of God is of great price.
- 5 For thus also the holy women who have hoped in God heretofore adorned themselves, being subject to their own husbands;
- 6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord; whose children ye have become, doing good, and not fearing with any kind of consternation.
- 7 *Ye* husbands likewise, dwell with *them* according to knowledge, as with a weaker, *even* the female, vessel, giving *them* honour, as also fellow-heirs of *the* grace of life, that your prayers be not hindered.
- 8 Finally, *be* all of one mind, sympathising, full of brotherly love, tender hearted, humble minded;

- 9 not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing; but on the contrary, blessing *others*, because ye have been called to this, that ye should inherit blessing.
- 10 For he that will love life and see good days, let him cause his tongue to cease from evil and his lips that they speak no guile.
- 11 And let him avoid evil, and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it;
- 12 because *the* eyes of *the* Lord *are* on *the* righteous, and his ears towards their supplications; but *the* face of *the* Lord *is* against them that do evil.
- 13 And who shall injure you if ye have become imitators of that which *is* good?
- 14 But if also ye should suffer for righteousness' sake, blessed *are* ye; but be not afraid of their fear, neither be troubled;
- 15 but sanctify *the* Lord the Christ in your hearts, and *be* always prepared to *give* an answer *to* every one that asks you to give an account of the hope that *is* in you, but with meekness and fear;
- 16 having a good conscience, that *as to that* in which they speak against you as evildoers, they may be ashamed who calumniate your good conversation in Christ.
- 17 For *it is* better, if the will of God should will it, to suffer *as* well-doers than *as* evildoers;
- 18 for Christ indeed has once suffered for sins, *the* just for *the* unjust, that he might bring us to God; being put to death in flesh, but made alive in *the* Spirit,
- 19 in which also going he preached to the spirits *which are* in prison,
- 20 heretofore disobedient, when the longsuffering of God waited in *the* days of Noah while the ark was preparing, into which few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water:
- 21 which figure also now saves you, *even* baptism, not a putting away of *the* filth of flesh, but *the* demand as before God of a good conscience, by *the* resurrection of Jesus Christ,
- 22 who is at *the* right hand of God, gone into heaven, angels and authorities and powers being subjected to him.

- 4:1 Christ, then, having suffered for us in *the* flesh, do ye also arm yourselves with the same mind; for he that has suffered in *the* flesh has done with sin,
- 2 no longer to live the rest of *his* time in *the* flesh to men's lusts, but to God's will.
- 3 For the time past *is* sufficient *for us* to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, walking in lasciviousness, lusts, wine-drinking, revels, drinkings, and unhallowed idolatries.
- 4 Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with *them* to the same sink of corruption, speaking injuriously *of you*;
- 5 who shall render account to him who is ready to judge *the* living and *the* dead.
- 6 For to this *end* were the glad tidings preached to *the* dead also, that they might be judged, as regards men, after *the* flesh, but live, as regards God, after *the* Spirit.
- 7 But the end of all things is drawn nigh: be sober therefore, and be watchful unto prayers;
- 8 but before all things having fervent love among yourselves, because love covers a multitude of sins;
- 9 hospitable one to another, without murmuring;
- 10 each according as he has received a gift, ministering it to one another, as good stewards of *the* various grace of God.
- 11 If any one speak—as oracles of God; if any one minister—as of strength which God supplies; that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom is the glory and the might for the ages of ages. Amen.
- 12 Beloved, take not *as* strange the fire *of persecution* which has taken place amongst you for *your* trial, as if a strange thing was happening to you;
- 13 but as ye have share in the sufferings of Christ, rejoice, that in the revelation of his glory also ye may rejoice with exultation.
- 14 If ye are reproached in *the* name of Christ, blessed *are ye*; for the *Spirit* of glory and the Spirit of God rests upon you: *on their part he is blasphemed, but on your part he is glorified.*
- 15 Let none of you suffer indeed as murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or as overseer of other people's matters;
- 16 but if as a christian, let him not be ashamed, but glorify God in this name.

- 17 For the time of having the judgment begin from the house of God *is come*; but if first from us, what *shall be* the end of those who obey not the glad tidings of God?
- 18 And if the righteous is difficultly saved, where shall the impious and *the* sinner appear?
- 19 Wherefore also let them who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls in well-doing to a faithful Creator.
- 5:1 The elders which *are* among you I exhort, who *am their* fellow-elder and witness of the sufferings of the Christ, who also *am* partaker of the glory about to be revealed:
- 2 shepherd the flock of God which *is* among you, exercising oversight, not by necessity, but willingly; not for base gain, but readily;
- 3 not as lording it over your possessions, but being models for the flock.
- 4 And when the chief shepherd is manifested ye shall receive the unfading crown of glory.
- 5 Likewise *ye* younger, be subject to *the* elder, and all of you bind on humility towards one another; for God sets himself against *the* proud, but to *the* humble gives grace.
- 6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in *the due* time;
- 7 having cast all your care upon him, for he cares about you.
- 8 Be vigilant, watch. Your adversary *the* devil as a roaring lion walks about seeking whom he may devour.
- 9 Whom resist, stedfast in faith, knowing that the selfsame sufferings are accomplished in your brotherhood which *is* in *the* world.
- 10 But the God of all grace who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, when ye have suffered for a little while, himself shall make perfect, stablish, strengthen, ground:
- 11 to him *be* the glory and the might for the ages of the ages. Amen.
- 12 By Silvanus, the faithful brother, as I suppose, I have written to you briefly; exhorting and testifying that this is *the* true grace of God in which ye stand.

- 13** She that is elected with *you* in Babylon salutes you, and Marcus my son.
- 14** Salute one another with a kiss of love. Peace be with you all who *are* in Christ.