

1 Peter

1:1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the pilgrims scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

1:2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, to obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you, and peace, be multiplied.

1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

1:4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fades not away, reserved in heaven for you,

1:5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith to salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1:6 In which you greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, you are in heaviness through manifold trials:

1:7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perishes, though it be tried with fire, might be found to praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

1:8 Whom having not seen, you love; in who, though now you see Him not, yet believing, you rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

1:9 Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

1:10 Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come to you:

1:11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

1:12 To whom it was revealed, that not to themselves, but to us they did minister the things, which are now reported to you by

them that have preached the gospel to you with the Holy Spirit sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

1:13 Therefore prepare your minds for action, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

1:14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

1:15 But as he which has called you is holy, so be holy in all manner of conduct;

1:16 Because it is written, Be you holy; for I am holy.

1:17 And if you call on the Father, who without respect of persons judges according to every man's work, pass the time of your stay here in fear:

1:18 Since as you know that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conduct received by tradition from your fathers;

1:19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

1:20 Who truthfully was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

1:21 Who by Him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

1:22 Seeing you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit to unfeigned love of the brothers, see that you love one another fervently with a pure heart:

1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which lives and abides forever.

1:24 For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of the fields. The grass withers and the flower fades away

1:25 But the word of the Lord endures forever. And this is the word which by the good news is announced to you.

2:1 Therefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, all evil speaking,

2:2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that you may grow by it:

2:3 If so you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

2:4 To who coming, as to a living stone, rejected indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious,

2:5 You also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

2:6 Therefore also it is contained in the Scripture, Behold, I lay in Zion a chief corner stone, elect, and precious: and he that believes in Him will not be confounded.

2:7 To you therefore which believe he is precious: but to them whom are disobedient, the stone which the builders rejected, the same is made the chief cornerstone,

2:8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offenses, even to those who stumble at the word, being disobedient: which also they were appointed.

2:9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that you should show forth the praises of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

2:10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

2:11 Dearly beloved, I implore you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

2:12 Having your conduct honest among the nations: that, when they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they will behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

2:13 Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to Caesar, as supreme;

2:14 Or to governors, as to them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.

2:15 For so is the will of God, that with well doing you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:

2:16 As free, and not using your freedom for a cloak of vice, but as the servants of God.

2:17 Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor Caesar .

2:18 Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh.

2:19 For this is commendable, if a man endures grief, suffering unjustly because he is conscience of God,.

2:20 For what glory is it, if, when you be beaten for your faults, you shall take it patiently? but if, when you do well, and suffer for it, you take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.

2:21 For even to this were you called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

2:22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

2:23 Who, when He was reviled, reviled not again; when He suffered, He threatened not; but committed Himself to Him that judges righteously:

2:24 Who His own self bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live to righteousness: by whose stripes you were healed.

2:25 For you were as sheep going astray; but are now returned to the Shepherd and Elder of your souls.

3:1 Likewise, you wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conduct of the wives;

3:2 While they behold your pure conduct coupled with reverence.

3:3 Whose beauty should not come from outward adorning of braiding the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of fine apparel;

3:4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

3:5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection to their own husbands:

3:6 Just as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters you are, as long as you do well, and do not give way to fear.

3:7 Likewise, you husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

3:8 Finally, be you all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brothers, be sympathetic, be courteous:

3:9 Not repaying evil for evil, or insult for insult: but with blessing; knowing that you are so called, that you should inherit a blessing.

3:10 For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:

3:11 Let him shun evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and pursue it.

3:12 For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.

3:13 And whom is he that will harm you, if you be followers of that which is good?

3:14 But and if you suffer for righteousness' sake, blessed are you: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;

3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asks you a reason of the hope that is in you with gentleness and respect:

3:16 Having a good conscience; that, though they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conduct in Christ.

3:17 For it is better, if the will of God be so, that you suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.

3:18 For Christ also has once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but given life by the Spirit:

3:19 By which also he went and preached to the spirits in prison;

3:20 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, in which few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

3:21 The like figure to which even baptism does also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

3:22 Whom is gone into heaven, and is at the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject to Him.

4:1 Since Christ has suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin;

4:2 That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.

4:3 For the time past of our life may suffice us to have worked the will of the nations, when we walked in debauchery, lusts, drunkenness, orgies, carousing, and abominable idolatries:

4:4 They think it strange that you run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:

4:5 Who will give account to Him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead?

4:6 For this reason was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.

4:7 But the end of all things is at hand: therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.

4:8 And above all things have fervent love among yourselves: for love will cover the multitude of sins.

4:9 Offer hospitality one to another without grudging.

4:10 As every man has received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

4:11 If any man speaks let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God gives: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to who be praise and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

4:12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to test you, as though some strange thing happened to you:

4:13 But rejoice, so much as you are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when His glory will be revealed, you may be glad also with exceeding joy.

4:14 If you be reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you; for the spirit of glory and of God rests upon you: on their part He is evil spoken of, but on your part He is glorified.

4:15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters.

4:16 yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.

4:17 For the time has come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begins with us, what will the end be of them that disobey the gospel of God?

4:18 And if the righteous scarcely are saved, where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?

4:19 Therefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as to a faithful Creator.

5:1 The elders which are among you I exhort, whom am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that is about to be revealed:

5:2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight of it, not by constraint, but willingly; not for base gain, but of a ready mind;

5:3 Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock.

5:4 And when the chief Shepherd will appear, you will receive a crown of glory that fades not away.

5:5 Likewise, you younger, submit yourselves to the elder. yes, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resists the proud, and gives grace to the humble.

5:6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time:

5:7 Casting all your cares upon Him; for He cares for you.

5:8 Be self-controlled, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking who he may devour:

5:9 Who resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brothers that are in the world.

5:10 But the God of all grace, who has called us to his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, make you mature, establish, strengthen, settle you.

5:11 To Him are glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

5:12 By Silvanus, a faithful brother to you, as I suppose, I have written briefly, exhorting, and testifying that this is the true grace of God in which you stand.

5:13 The assembly that is at Babylon, elected together with you, greets you; and so does Marcus, my son.

5:14 Greet you one another with a kiss of love. Peace be with you all that are in Christ Jesus. Amen.