

## 1 Peter 1

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ  
to those who **reside as aliens**

scattered throughout Pontus,  
Galatia,  
Cappadocia,  
Asia, and  
Bithynia

2 who are **chosen**  
according to  
by the

the foreknowledge of **God the Father**  
sanctifying work of **the Spirit**  
that you may obey **Jesus Christ** and  
be sprinkled with His blood:

May grace and peace be yours in fullest measure.

3 **Blessed be** the **God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**

who according to His **great mercy**  
has caused us to **be born again to a living hope**

4 **to obtain an inheritance which is** **imperishable** and  
**undefiled** and  
**will not fade away**  
**reserved in heaven**  
for you

5 who are **protected**  
by the power of God  
through **faith**  
for **a salvation** ready to be revealed in the last time.

## 6 In this you greatly rejoice

even though now for a little while if necessary  
you have been distressed by various trials

7 so that the proof of your faith  
being more precious than gold which is perishable  
even though tested by fire

may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ

8 and though you have not seen Him you love Him; and  
though you do not see Him now but believe in Him

you greatly rejoice  
with joy inexpressible and  
full of glory

9 obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.

10 As to this salvation  
the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you  
made careful search and inquiry

11 seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating  
as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and  
the glories to follow.

12 It was revealed to them  
that they were not serving themselves  
but you  
in these things which now have 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.

## 1:13 THEREFORE

gird your minds for action  
 keep sober in *spirit*  
 fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you  
 at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

14 As obedient children  
 do not be conformed to the former lusts  
     *which were yours* in your ignorance

15 but like the Holy One who called you  
 be holy yourselves also in all *your* behavior;

16 because it is written,  
     "YOU SHALL BE HOLY  
     FOR I AM HOLY."

17 And if you address as Father  
     the One who impartially judges according to each man's work  
 conduct yourselves in fear during your stay upon earth;

18 knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things  
     like silver or gold  
     from your futile way of life  
     inherited from your forefathers  
 19 but with precious blood  
     as of a lamb unblemished and spotless  
     the blood of Christ.\*

*the blood* of Christ.\*

20 \*For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world  
 but has appeared in these last times  
 for the sake of you

21 who through Him are believers in God  
     who raised Him from the dead  
     and gave Him glory

so that your faith and  
 hope  
 are in God.

1:22 **Since** you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls  
for a sincere love of the brethren  
fervently love one another from the heart

23 **for** you have been **born again**  
not of seed which is **perishable**  
but **imperishable**;  
*that is* 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 WITHERS AND  
THE FLOWER FALLS OFF  
25 BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ABIDES FOREVER."  
And this is the word which was preached to you

**(1 Peter 2)**

**2:1 THEREFORE**

putting aside all malice and all  
all guile and  
hypocrisy and  
envy and all  
slander  
2 like newborn babes  
long for the pure milk of the word  
that by it you may grow in respect to **salvation**  
3 if you have tasted the **kindness** of the **Lord**.

- 2:4 And coming to Him as **to a living stone**  
 rejected by men  
 but **choice and precious** in the sight of God
- 5 You also as **living stones**  
 are being built up as **a spiritual house**  
 for **a holy priesthood**  
 to offer up **spiritual sacrifices** acceptable to **God**  
 through **Christ Jesus**.
- 6 For *this* is contained in Scripture:  
 'BEHOLD I LAY IN ZION A CHOICE STONE  
 A **PRECIOUS** CORNER *stone* AND  
 HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM  
 SHALL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED.'
- 7 This **precious value** then is for you who **believe**.  
**But** for those who **disbelieve**  
 "THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED  
 BECAME THE VERY CORNER *stone*."  
 8 and "A STONE OF STUMBLING  
 AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE"  
 For they stumble because they are disobedient to the word and  
 to this *doom* they were also appointed.
- 9 **But you** are **a CHOSEN RACE**  
**a royal PRIESTHOOD**  
**A HOLY NATION**  
**A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION**  
 that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has **called you** out of darkness  
 into His marvelous light
- 10 **For you** once were **NOT A PEOPLE**  
**but now** you are **THE PEOPLE OF GOD;**  
**you had** **NOT RECEIVED MERCY**  
**but now** you have **RECEIVED MERCY.**

2:11 Beloved I urge you **as aliens and strangers**  
**to abstain from fleshly lusts**  
which wage war against the soul.

12 **Keep your behavior excellent** among the Gentiles  
**so that** in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers  
they may on account of your good deeds  
as they observe *them*  
**glorify God** in the day of visitation.

13 **Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake** to every human institution whether  
to a king as the one in authority or  
14 to governors as sent by him  
for the punishment of evildoers and  
the praise of those who do right

15 **For such** is the will of **God**  
that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men.

16 **Act as free men and**  
**do not use your freedom** as a covering for evil  
**but use it** as bondslaves of **God**.

17 **Honor all men**  
**love the brotherhood**  
**fear God**  
**honor the king.**

18 SERVANTS **be submissive** **to your masters** with all respect  
 not only to those who are good and gentle  
 but also to those who are unreasonable.

19 For this *finds* favor  
 if for the sake of conscience toward God a man bears up under sorrows when **suffering unjustly**.

20 For what credit is there  
 if when you sin and are **harshly treated** you **endure it with patience?**  
 But if when you do what is **right and suffer for it** you **patiently endure it**  
 this *finds* favor with God.

21 For you have been **called for this purpose**  
 since Christ also **suffered** for you  
 leaving you an example  
 for you to follow in His steps

22 WHO COMMITTED NO SIN  
 NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH

23 and while **being reviled** **He did not revile in return;**  
 while **suffering** **He uttered no threats**

But kept **entrusting Himself** to Him who judges righteously  
 24 and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross  
 that we might **die to sin** and  
**live to righteousness**  
 for by his **wounds** you were **healed**.

25 For you were continually straying like sheep  
 but now you have returned to the Shepherd and  
 Guardian of your souls.

**(1 Peter 3)**

## 3:1 IN THE SAME WAY YOU WIVES

- be **submissive to your own husbands**  
 so that even if any *of them* are disobedient to the word  
 they may be won without a word  
 by the behavior of their wives  
 as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior
- 2
- 3 And let not your adornment be *merely* external --  
 braiding the hair and  
 wearing gold jewelry or  
 putting on dresses
- 4 but *let it be* the hidden person of the heart  
 with **the imperishable** quality of a gentle and quiet spirit  
 which is **precious** in the sight of God.
- 5 For in this way in former times  
 the holy women also who hoped in God  
 used to adorn themselves being **submissive to** their own husbands.
- 6 Thus Sarah obeyed Abraham calling him lord and  
 you have become her children if you do what is right  
 without being frightened by any fear.

## 7 YOU HUSBANDS LIKEWISE

- live with your wives** **in an understanding way**  
 as with a weaker vessel since she is a woman and  
 grant her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life  
 so that your prayers may not be hindered.



**3:8 TO SUM UP**

let all be harmonious  
sympathetic  
brotherly  
kindhearted and  
humble in spirit

9 not returning evil for evil or  
insult for insult but  
giving a blessing instead

for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing.

10	For	“LET HIM WHO MEANS TO LOVE LIFE REFRAIN HIS TONGUE FROM EVIL	AND SEE GOOD DAYS AND HIS LIPS FROM SPEAKING GUILE
11		AND LET HIM TURN AWAY FROM EVIL LET HIM SEEK PEACE	AND DO GOOD; AND PURSUE IT.
12		FOR THE EYES OF THE LORD AND HIS EARS BUT THE FACE OF THE LORD IS AGAINST	ARE UPON THE RIGHTEOUS ATTEND TO THEIR PRAYER THOSE WHO DO EVIL”

- 3:13 And who is there **to harm you** if you prove zealous for what is good?
- 14 But even if you should **suffer for the sake of righteousness** *you are* blessed.  
 AND DO NOT FEAR THEIR INTIMIDATION  
 AND DO NOT BE TROUBLED
- 15 but **sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts**  
 always *being* ready to make a defense  
 to everyone who asks you to give an account  
 for the hope that is in you  
 yet with gentleness and reverence and
- 16 **keep a good conscience**  
 so that in the thing in which you are **slandered**  
 those who **revile** your good behavior **in Christ**  
 may be put to shame.
- 17 For it is better if **God** should will it so that you **suffer** for doing what is right  
 rather than for doing what is wrong.
- 18 For **Christ** also died for sins once for all *the* just for the unjust  
 in order that He might bring us **to God**  
 having been put to death in the flesh  
 but made alive in the spirit  
 9 in which also He went and  
 20 made proclamation to the spirits *now* in prison  
 who once were disobedient  
 when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah  
 during the construction of the ark  
 in which a few that is eight persons  
 were brought safely through *the* water.
- 21 And corresponding to that  
 baptism now saves you --  
 not the removal 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  
 after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him.

(1 Peter 4)

4:1 THEREFORE

since Christ has suffered in the flesh  
arm yourselves also with the same purpose  
because he who has suffered in the flesh  
has ceased from sin

2 so as to live the rest of the time in the flesh  
no longer for the lusts of men  
but for the will of God.

3 For the time already past is sufficient for you to have carried out the desire of the Gentiles  
having pursued a course of sensuality  
lusts  
drunkenness  
carousals  
drinking parties and  
abominable idolatries.

4 and in all this they are surprised that you do not run with them into the same excess of dissipation and  
they malign you. they are ready to judge the living and the dead  
5 but they shall give account to Him

6 For the gospel has for this purpose been preached even to those who are dead  
that though they are judged in the flesh as men  
they may live in the spirit  
according to the will of God.

4:7 The end of all things is at hand.

be of sound judgment and  
sober *spirit* for the purpose of prayer

**THEREFORE**

8 Above all  
keep fervent in your love for one another

because love covers a multitude of sins.

9 Be hospitable to one another without complaint.

10 As each one has received a *special* gift  
employ it in serving one another

as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

11 Whoever speaks  
whoever serves  
so that in all things

let him speak as it were the utterances of God;  
let him do so as by the strength which God supplies  
God may be glorified through Jesus Christ  
to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

4:12 Beloved  
do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you which comes upon you for your testing  
as though some strange thing were happening to you;

13 but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ  
keep on rejoicing so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation.

14 If you are reviled for the name of Christ you are blessed  
because the Spirit of glory and  
of God rests upon you.

15 By no means  
let any of you suffer as a murderer or  
thief or  
evildoer or  
a troublesome meddler

16 but if anyone suffers as a Christian let him not feel ashamed  
but in that name let him glorify God.

17 For it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God and  
if it begins with us first  
what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

18 AND IF IT IS WITH DIFFICULTY THAT THE RIGHTEOUS IS SAVED  
WHAT WILL BECOME OF THE GODLESS MAN AND THE SINNER?

### 19 THEREFORE

let those also who suffer according to the will of God  
entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right.

**(1 Peter 5)**

5:1 THEREFORE

I exhort THE ELDERS among you  
as *your* fellow elder and  
witness of the sufferings of Christ and  
a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed

2 shepherd the flock of God among you  
exercising oversight

not under compulsion but voluntarily according to *the will* of God and  
not for sordid gain but with eagerness;

3 nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge  
but proving to be examples to the flock.

4 And when the Chief Shepherd appears you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

5 YOU YOUNGER MEN, LIKEWISE be subject to your elders and  
ALL OF YOU clothe yourselves with humility toward one another  
for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD  
BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.

## 6 Humble yourselves,

under the mighty hand of God that He may exalt you at the proper time  
 7 casting all your anxiety upon Him because He cares for you.

## THEREFORE

8 Be of sober spirit  
be on the alert.

Your adversary, the devil prowls about like a roaring lion  
 seeking someone to devour.

## 9 But

resist him firm in your faith  
 knowing that the same experiences of suffering  
 are being accomplished by your brethren  
 who are in the world.

10 And after you have suffered for a little while  
 the God of all grace who called you to His eternal glory in Christ  
 will Himself perfect  
 confirm  
 strengthen and  
 establish you.

11 To Him be dominion forever and ever. Amen

5:1 Through Silvanus, our faithful brother (for so I regard him)

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 together with you sends you greetings  
 and so does my son, Mark.

14 Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace be to you all who are in Christ.