

1 Peter One

THE GREETING – 1:1-2

SECURE THROUGH SUFFERING – 1:3-25

A PRESENTATION OF THE FUTURE

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the elect sojourners of the dispersion of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, ² according to the foreknowledge of God the Father by sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and the sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.

Let grace and peace be multiplied to you.

3 Blessed is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who, according to His great mercy has regenerated us unto a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ unto an inheritance incorruptible and spotless and unfading, having been kept in heaven for you ⁵ who, by God's power, are being protected through faith for the salvation ready to be revealed during the last season, ⁶ in which you are overjoyed, though for a little time now it is necessary that you have been made sorrowful by many kinds of trials, ⁷ in order that the approval of your faith, which is much more valuable than gold which perishes, but by being tested through may be found unto praise and honor, and unto glory, at the revelation of Jesus Christ, ⁸ whom, not having known, you love, in whom, though not seeing, but believing, you are exulting with joy unspeakable and glorious, ⁹ obtaining the end of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

A CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPHETS

10 Concerning which salvation the prophets, who had prophesied about the grace for you, sought out and thoroughly investigated, ¹¹ searching for who or for what kind of season the Spirit of Christ in them was imparting while they previously testified with reference to the sufferings of Christ and the glories after these things, ¹² to whom it was revealed that not for themselves, but for you, they were serving things which have now been reported to you through the ones who presented the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit who

was sent from heaven, about which things the angels desire to investigate.

AN EXPLANATION OF HOLINESS

13 Therefore, having girded up the loins of your mind, be sober, and completely set your hope on the grace which is brought to you by the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ As children of obedience, not being conformed to the former things in the ignorance of your lusts, ¹⁵ but just like the one who called you is holy, You yourselves also become holy in all manner of conduct, ¹⁶ because it is written, You shall become holy because I am holy. ¹⁷ And if you call on the Father who judges impartially according to each one's work, behave yourselves because of fear during the time of your temporary stay, ¹⁸ because you know that you were you not set free from your futile lifestyle passed down from your fathers with perishable things, silver and gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, as a faultless and spotless lamb, ²⁰ who on the one hand had been foreknown before the foundation of the world, but on the other hand has been manifested during the last times for your sake ²¹ who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

THE REGENERATION OF THE BELIEVER

22 Having cleansed your souls by the obedience to the truth through the Spirit in non-hypocritical brotherly love from a clean heart, love one another continuously, ²³ having been regenerated not from perishable seed, but from nonperishable, through the word of God which lives and remains forever, ²⁴ because all flesh is like grass and every glory of man is like a flower of grass. The grass is dried up and its flower falls off. ²⁵ But the utterance of the Lord remains forever. And this is the utterance which was evangelized to you.

1 Peter Two

LIVING IN THE WORLD – 2:1-3:22

THE EXPECTATION OF GROWTH – 2:1-4

1 Therefore, put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisies and envies and all evil

speech, ² like a newly born infant, yearn for the reasonable, pure milk, in order that you may grow by it, ³ since indeed, you have tasted that the Lord is kind, ⁴ to whom you come near, who is on the one hand rejected by men, but on the other hand is precious, chosen by God.

THE ASSOCIATION OF STONES

5 And you yourselves are being built as a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it is contained in Scripture, Behold, I place in Zion a cornerstone, chosen, precious, and the one who believes on Him shall in no way be put to shame.¹ ⁷ Therefore, He is precious to you who believe, but to disobedient people, The stone which those who were building rejected has become the cornerstone,² ⁸ and, A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense.³ They stumble because they were disobedient to the word, to which they were also destined.

THE SELECTION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

9 But you are an elect race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for a possession, so that you may proclaim the excellent works of the one who has called you out of darkness into His wondrous light, ¹⁰ who previously were not a people, but now are the people of God, the ones who had not been shown mercy, but now have been shown mercy.

THE GLORIFICATION BY GODLY LIVING

11 Loved ones, I encourage you as non-citizens and temporary residents, to abstain from fleshly lusts which battle against your soul, ¹² having an excellent lifestyle among the Gentiles in order that when they accuse you as evildoers, having observed your excellent works, they may glorify God in the day of visitation.

THE SUBORDINATION TO SECULAR AUTHORITY

13 Be subordinate to every human institution on account of the Lord, whether to a king as to a superior, ¹⁴ or to governors, as through him to

ones sent for punishment of wrong-doers, and praise for of ones doing good. ¹⁵ For the will of God is thus: by doing good to silence the ignorance of senseless men, ¹⁶ as free men, but not having your freedom as a covering for malice, but as slaves of God. ¹⁷ Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

THE SUBORDINATION TO THE HOUSEHOLDER

18 House slaves, be subject with all respect to your masters, not only to the good and kind ones, but also to the crooked ones. ¹⁹ For this is favorable, if, because of conscience toward God, anyone bears up under grief, suffering unjustly. ²⁰ For what kind of good reputation is it, if, while sinning and being beaten, you endure? But if while doing good and suffering, you endure, this is favorable before God. ²¹ For you were called to this because Christ also suffered on our behalf, leaving behind an example for you in order that you might follow in His footsteps, ²² who did not commit sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth,⁴ ²³ who, while being insulted, did not insult in turn, while suffering did not threaten, but gave Himself over to the one who judges justly, ²⁴ who Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree in order that, we, having finished with sins, might live to righteousness, by whose wounds you were healed.⁵ ²⁵ For you were like sheep being led astray, but you have been turned back by the shepherd and overseer of your souls.

1 Peter Three

THE SUBORDINATION OF THE WIVES

1 Similarly, wives be subordinate to your own husbands in order that, even if some are disobedient to the word, through the behavior of the wives that shall be gained without a word, ² by having seen your faultless behavior with respect, ³ whose adornment must not be the external braiding of hair and putting on decorations of gold or wearing of garments, ⁴ but must be the hidden man of the heart with the incorruptible adornment of the meek and calm spirit, which is very valu-

1 Isaiah 28:16.

2 Psalm 118:22.

3 Isaiah 8:14.

4 Isaiah 53:9.

5 Isaiah 53:5.

able in the presence of God.⁵ For thus previously also the holy wives who hoped on God were adorning themselves, being subordinate to their own husbands,⁶ like Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose children you became when doing good and not fearing one terror.

THE INSTRUCTION FOR HUSBANDS

7 Similarly, husbands live together with your wife according to knowledge as a weaker vessel, imparting honor as she is also a co-heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be impeded.

THE COMPENSATION FOR A GODLY RESPONSE

8 And finally, you all be in agreement, sympathetic, loving like brothers, compassionate, friendly,⁹ not paying back evil for evil, but on the contrary, be bless, knowing that for this you were called, in order that you may inherit a blessing.¹⁰ For the one who desires to love life and to see good days, let his tongue cease from evil and his lips are not to speak deceit.¹¹ Let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and chase after it,¹² because the eyes of the Lord are on righteous people, and His ears listen to their supplication, but the Lord's face is set against the ones who do evil things.¹

THE SANCTIFICATION IN THE HEART

13 And who is the one who harms you if you become imitators of good?¹⁴ But even if you should suffer on account of righteousness, you are blessed. But do not be afraid of their fright, and do not be troubled.¹⁵ But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready with a defense for every person who asks you for an account about the hope which is in you, with meekness and fear,¹⁶ having a good conscience in order that the ones who speak against you as evil-doers might be shamed, the ones who slander your good conduct in Christ.

THE PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

17 For it is better to suffer for doing good, if the will of God should desire it, than for doing evil.¹⁸ Because Christ also suffered once concern-

ing sins, the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring you to God, on the one hand having been put to death in the flesh, but on the other hand, having been made alive by the Spirit,¹⁹ by whom also He went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison,²⁰ who were formerly disobedient when the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah while the ark was being made ready, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water,²¹ which baptism now also saves us as an antitype, (not the removing of dirt from the flesh, but a request to God of a good conscience) through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,²² who is at the at the right side of God, having gone into heaven, the angels, and authorities and powers having been subordinated to Him.

1 Peter Four

RIGHTEOUSNESS DURING SUFFERING – 4:1-5:4

THE IDENTIFICATION WITH HIS SUFFERING – 4:1-6

1 Therefore, since Christ suffered on our behalf in the flesh, you also with the same way of thinking arm yourselves, because the one who suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,² so that you no longer live the remaining time for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.³ For the time of life which has passed is enough for you to produce the will of the Gentiles, having gone on in debauchery, lusts, continual drunkenness, carousal, drunken orgies, and illegal worshiping of idols;⁴ in which they are surprised that you do not run together into the same reckless flood, while slandering you,⁵ who will render an account to the one being ready to judge the living and the dead.⁶ For also for this purpose was a gospel presented to dead people, in order that, on the one hand, they should be judged according to men in the flesh, but on the other hand, they should live to God in the spirit.

THE PRODUCTION OF GODLY SERVICE

7 But the end of all things has drawn near. Think soundly, therefore, and be sober in your prayers.⁸ And above all, have constant love among yourselves, because love will cover a large number of sins.⁹ Be hospitable to one another

1 3:10-12 is from Psalm 34:12-16.

without grumbling.¹⁰ Just as each person has received a gift, minister it among yourselves like good stewards of the variegated grace of God.¹¹ If someone speaks, let him speak as making announcements from God. If someone serves, let him serve as from strength such as God furnishes, in order that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom is the glory and the might forever and ever. Amen.

THE PARTICIPATION IN CHRISTIAN SUFFERING

12 Loved ones, do not be amazed by the burning trial which is coming on you for a test, as though a strange thing is happening to you,¹³ but in so far as you are sharing in the suffering of Christ rejoice, in order that, being glad, you may rejoice also at the revelation of His glory.¹⁴ If you are being reviled in the name of Christ you are blessed because the Spirit of glory and the Spirit of God is resting on you.¹ On the one hand, according to them He is being blasphemed, but on the other hand according to you He is being glorified.¹⁵ For do not let any of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or a wrong doer, or as a meddler.¹⁶ But if he suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter,¹⁷ because the season has come to begin the judgment with the house of God. But if it is with us first, what is the end of the ones disobedient to the gospel of God?¹⁸ And if the righteous barely is saved, where will the irreverent and sinner appear?¹⁹ So then, let the ones who also suffer according to the will of God entrust their souls as to a faithful Creator in doing good.

1 Peter Five

THE COOPERATION IN OVERSEEING

1 I exhort the elders among you as a co-elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, who is also a sharer of the glory which is about to be revealed:² shepherd the flock of God among you, not overseeing as an obligation, but willingly, and not greedily, but eagerly,³ and not as lording it over your allotment, but being examples of the flock.⁴ And when the Chief Shepherd has been

manifested, you will obtain the crown of unfading glory.

SUFFERING UNDER SATANIC ATTACK – 5:5-11

THE SUBORDINATION IN HUMILITY

5 Similarly, you young people be subordinate to your elders. And while being subordinate to one another, all of you dress yourselves with humility, because God resists haughty people, but He gives grace to humble people.²

6 Be humble, therefore, under the mighty hand of God in order that He may exalt you at the right time,⁷ casting your every anxiety on Him, because it matters to Him about you.

THE PREPARATION FOR VICTORY

8 Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary, the devil, like a roaring lion, is walking around seeking someone who he may devour.⁹ whom resist, being firm in the faith, knowing the same kinds of sufferings are being endured by your brotherhood in the world.¹⁰ But the God of all grace who has called you into His eternal glory in Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a short time, He Himself will equip you, and will restore, strengthen and ground you.¹¹ To Him be the glory and the might forever and ever. Amen.

THE CONCLUSION – 5:12-14

12 I have written to you briefly through Silvanus, who I consider a faithful brother, encouraging you, and testifying that this is the true grace of God in which you are standing.¹³ The woman elect with you who is in Babylon greets you, and also Mark, my son.¹⁴ Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to you all who are in Christ Jesus. Amen.

1 Perhaps an allusion to Isaiah 11:2.

2 Proverbs 3:34.