

The First Epistle General Of Peter

The Argument

He exhorteth the faithful to deny themselves, and to contemn the world, that being delivered from all carnal affections and impediments, they may more speedily attain to the heavenly kingdom of Christ, whereunto we are called by the grace of God revealed to us in his Son, and have already received it by faith, possessed it by hope, and are therein confirmed by holiness of life. And to the intent this faith should not faint, seeing Christ contemned and rejected almost of the whole world, he declareth that this is nothing else but the accomplishing of the Scriptures which testify that he should be the stumbling stone to the reprobate and the sure foundation of salvation to the faithful; therefore he exhorteth them courageously to go forward, considering what they were, and to what dignity God hath called them. After, he entreateth particular points, teaching subjects how to obey their governors, and servants their masters, and how married folks ought to behave themselves. And because it is appointed for all that are godly, to suffer persecutions, he sheweth them what good issue their afflictions shall have, and contrariwise what punishments God referreth for the wicked. Last of all he teacheth how the ministers ought to behave themselves, forbidding them to usurp authority over the Church; also that young men ought to be modest, and apt to learn, and so endeth with an exhortation.

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1 Peter 1

1 He extolleth mercy shewed in Christ, which we lay hold on by faith, and possess through hope; 10 whereof the Prophets foretold. 13 He exhorteth 15 to renounce the world, 23 and their former life, and so wholly yield themselves to God.

1 PETER an Apostle of JESUS CHRIST, to the strangers that dwell here and there throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia,

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

3 Blessed *be* God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 To an inheritance immortal and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for us,

5 Which are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, which is prepared to be shewed in the last time.

6 Wherein ye rejoyce, though now for a season (if need require) ye are in heaviness, through manifold temptations,

7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perisheth (though it be tried with fire) might be found unto *your* praise, and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ;

8 Whom ye have not seen, and yet love *him*, in whom now, though ye see him not, yet do you believe, and rejoyce with joy unspeakable and glorious,

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

10 Of the which salvation the Prophets have inquired and searched, which prophesied of the grace that should come unto you,

11 Searching when or what time the Spirit which testified before of Christ which was in them, should declare the sufferings *that should come* unto Christ, and the glory that should follow.

12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they should minister the things, which are now shewed unto you by them which have preached unto you the Gospel by the holy Ghost sent down from heaven, the which things the Angels desire to behold.

13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and trust perfectly on the grace that is brought unto you, in the revelation of Jesus Christ,

14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves unto the former lusts of your ignorance;

15 But as he which hath called you, is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

16 Because it is written, Be ye holy, for I am holy.

17 And if ye call him Father, which without respect of person judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your dwelling here in fear,

18 Knowing that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, *as* silver and gold, from your vain conversation, received by the traditions of the fathers,

19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a Lamb undefiled, and without spot.

20 Which was ordained before the foundation of the world, but was declared in the last times for your sakes,

21 Which by his means do believe in God that raised him from the dead, and gave him glory, that your faith and hope might be in God,

22 Having purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit, to love brotherly without feigning, love one another with a pure heart fervently,

23 Being born anew, not of mortal seed, but of immortal, by the word of God, who liveth and endureth forever.

24 For all flesh *is* as grass, and all the glory of man *is* as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower falleth away.

25 But the word of the Lord endureth forever. And this is the word which is preached among you.

1 Peter 2

1 He exhorteth the new born in faith, to lead their lives answerable to the same; 6 and lest their faith should stagger, he bringeth in that which was foretold touching Christ. 11 Then he willeth them to be obedient to Magistrates, 21 and that they patiently bear adversity after Christ's example.

1 Wherefore, laying aside all maliciousness, and all guile, and dissimulation, and envy, and all evil speaking,

2 As newborn babes desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby,

3 If so be that ye have tasted that the Lord *is* bountiful.

4 To whom coming as unto a living stone, disallowed of men, but chosen of God *and* precious,

5 Ye also as lively stones, be made a spiritual house, a holy Priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

6 Wherefore also it is contained in the Scripture, Behold, I put in Sion a chief cornerstone, elect and precious, and he that believeth therein, shall not be ashamed.

7 Unto you therefore which believe, it is precious; but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,

8 And a stone to stumble at, and a rock of offence, even *to them* which stumble at the word, being disobedient, unto the which thing they were even ordained.

9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal Priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people, that ye should shew forth the virtues of him that hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light,

10 Which in time past were not a people, yet *are* now the people of God; which in time past were not under mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you, as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which fight against the soul,

12 And have your conversation honest among the Gentiles, that they which speak evil of you as of evil doers, may by *your* good works which they shall see, glorify God in the day of visitation.

13 Therefore submit yourselves unto all manner ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether it be unto the King, as unto the superior,

14 Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent of him, for the punishment of evil doers, and for the praise of them that do well.

15 For so is the will of God, that by well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of the foolish men,

16 As free, and not as having the liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.

17 Honor all men, love brotherly fellowship, fear God, honor the King.

18 Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and courteous, but also to the froward.

19 For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully.

20 For what praise is it, if when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye take it patiently? But and if when ye do well, ye suffer *wrong* and take it patiently, this is acceptable to God.

21 For hereunto ye are called, for Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that ye should follow his steps.

22 Who did no sin, neither was there guile found in his mouth.

23 Who when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not, but committed it to him that judgeth righteously.

24 Who his own self bare our sins in his body on the tree, that we being dead to sin, should live in righteousness; by whose stripes ye were healed.

25 For ye were as sheep going astray, but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

1 Peter 3

1 That Christian women should not contemn their husbands, though they be infidels. 6 He bringeth in examples of godly Women. 8 General exhortations, 14 patiently to bear persecutions, 15 and boldly to yield a reason of their faith. 18 Christ's example.

1 Likewise let the wives be subject to their husbands, that even they which obey not the word, may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives,

2 While they behold your pure conversation which is with fear.

3 Whose appareling let it not be that outward, *as* with broided hair, and gold put about, or in putting on of apparel;

4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, *which consisteth* in the incorruption of a meek and quiet spirit, which is before God a thing much set by.

5 For even after this manner in time past did the holy women, which trusted in God, attire themselves, and were subject to their husbands.

6 As Sarah obeyed Abraham, and called him Sir, whose daughters ye are, while ye do well, not being afraid of any terror.

7 Likewise ye husbands, dwell with them as men of knowledge, giving honor unto the woman, as unto the weaker vessel, even as they which are heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers be not interrupted.

8 Finally, be ye all of one mind, one suffer with another, love as brethren, *be* pitiful, *be* courteous,

9 Not rendering evil for evil, neither rebuke for rebuke, but contrariwise bless; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should be heirs of blessing.

10 For if any man long after life, and to see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile.

11 Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and follow after it.

12 For the eyes of the Lord *are* over the righteous, and his ears *are open* unto their prayers, and the face of the Lord *is* against them that do evil.

13 And who is it that will harm you, if ye follow that which is good?

14 Notwithstanding blessed *are ye*, if ye suffer for righteousness' sake. Yea, fear not their fear, neither be troubled.

15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you, with meekness and reverence,

16 Having a good conscience, that when they speak evil of you as of evil doers, they may be ashamed, which slander your good conversation in Christ.

17 For *it is* better (if the will of God be so) that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.

18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, and was put to death concerning the flesh, but was quickened by the spirit.

19 By the which he also went, and preached unto the spirits that *are* in prison.

20 Which were in time passed disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God abode in the days of Noah, while the Ark was preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved in the water.

21 To the which also the figure that now saveth us, *even* Baptism *agreeth* (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but in that a good conscience maketh request to God) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

22 Which is at the right hand of God, gone into heaven, to whom the Angels, and Powers, and might are subject.

1 Peter 4

1 He bringeth Christ's example, and applieth it, 6 to the mortifying of the flesh, especially commending Charity; 12 And so entreateth of patience. 19 That it is necessary that correction begin at the Church.

1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind, *which is*, that he which hath suffered in the flesh, hath ceased from sin,

2 That he henceforward should live (as much time as remaineth in the flesh) not after the lusts of men, but after the will of God.

3 For it is sufficient for us that we have spent the time past of the life, after the lust of the Gentiles, walking in wantonness, lusts, drunkenness, in gluttony, drinkings, and in abominable idolatries.

4 Wherein it seemeth to them strange, that ye run not with them unto the same excess of riot, *therefore* speak they evil of *you*,

5 Which shall give account to him, that is ready to judge quick and dead.

6 For unto this purpose was the Gospel preached also unto the dead, that they might be condemned according to men in the flesh, but might live according to God in the spirit.

7 Now the end of all things is at hand. Be ye therefore sober, and watching in prayer.

8 But above all things have fervent love among you, for love shall cover the multitude of sins.

9 Be ye harberous one to another, without grudging.

10 Let every man as he hath received the gift, minister the same one to another, as good disposers of the manifold grace of God.

11 If any man speak, *let him speak* as the words of God. If any man minister, *let him do it* as of the ability which God ministereth, that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom is praise and dominion forever, and ever, Amen.

12 Dearly beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial, which is among you to prove you, as though some strange thing were come unto you;

13 But rejoice, in as much as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings, that when his glory shall appear, ye may be glad and rejoice.

14 If ye be railed upon for the Name of Christ, blessed *are ye*, for the Spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you; *which* on their part is evil spoken of, but on your part is glorified.

15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or *as* a thief, or an evil doer, or as a busybody in other men's matters.

16 But if *any man suffer* as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this behalf.

17 For the time *is come* that judgment must begin at the house of God. If it first *begin* at us, what shall the end be of them which obey not the Gospel of God?

18 And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?

19 Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God, commit their souls *to him* in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

1 Peter 5

1 He warneth the Elders not to usurp authority over the Church, 5 willing the younger sort to be willing to be taught, and to be modest, 8 to be sober and watchful to resist the cruel adversary.

1 The Elders which are among you, I beseech which am also an Elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed,

2 Feed the flock of God, which dependeth upon you, caring for it not by constraint, but willingly, not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

3 Not as though ye were lords over *God's* heritage, but that ye may be examples to the flock.

4 And when that chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive an incorruptible crown of glory.

5 Likewise ye younger, submit yourselves unto the Elders, and submit yourselves every man, one to another, deck yourselves inwardly in lowliness of mind, for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.

7 Cast all your care on him, for he careth for you.

8 Be sober, and watch, for your adversary the devil as a roaring lion walketh about, seeking whom he may devour;

9 Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren which are in the world.

10 And the God of all grace, which hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a little, make you perfect, confirm, strengthen and stablish *you*.

11 To him *be* glory and dominion forever and ever, Amen.

12 By Silvanus a faithful brother unto you, as I suppose, have I written briefly, exhorting and testifying how that this is the true grace of God, wherein ye stand.

13 *The Church* that is at Babylon elected together with you, saluteth you, and Marcus my son.

14 Greet ye one another with the kiss of love. Peace *be* with you all which are in Christ Jesus, Amen.