

The First Epistle of Peter

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to *the* elect who are sojourners of *the* Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, 2 according to *the* foreknowledge of God *the* Father, in sanctification of *the* spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of *the* blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.

3 Blessed *be* ¹the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy begat us again unto a living hope by *the* resurrection of Jesus Christ from *the* dead, 4 unto an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who by *the* power of God are guarded through faith unto a salvation ready to be revealed in *the* last season. 6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a little *while*, if need be, ye have been put to grief in manifold ²trials, 7 that the ³proving of your faith, *being* more precious *than* gold that perisheth though it is proved by fire, may be found unto praise and glory and honor at *the* revelation of Jesus Christ; 8 whom not ⁴having seen ye love; on whom, though now ye see *him* not, yet believing, ye rejoice greatly with joy indescribable and ⁵full of glory: 9 receiving the end of ⁶your faith, *even the* salvation of souls. 10 Concerning which salvation prophets sought and searched diligently, *those* who prophesied of the grace that *should come* unto you: 11 searching what *time* or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did point unto, when it testified beforehand the sufferings ⁷of Christ, and the glories that should follow them. 12 To whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto you, did they minister these things, which now have been announced unto you through them that ⁸preached *the* gospel unto you ⁹by *the* Holy Spirit sent forth from heaven; which things angels desire to look into.

13 Wherefore girding up the loins of your mind, ¹⁰be sober and set your hope perfectly on the grace that ¹¹is to be brought unto you at *the* revelation of Jesus Christ;

¹ *Or*, God and the Father See Ro 15:6; 2Co 1:3, 11:31; Ep 1:3, and their footnotes.

² *Or*, temptations,

³ p⁷² 1852 almost alone read approval

⁴ So p⁷²B⁸ 1739 1852 322 cop^{sa} vg arm. AΨ 1241 1243 2344 33 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop^{bo} read seeing

⁵ Gk. glorified:

⁶ B cop^{sa} almost alone omit your

⁷ Gk. for *or*, unto

⁸ Gk. brought good tidings Also in vs. 25. Compare Mt 11:5.

⁹ NC 1739 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. read in

¹⁰ *Or*, be perfectly sober and set your hope on

¹¹ Gk. is being brought unto you

14 as children of obedience, not fashioning *yourselves* according to your former lusts in *the time of* your ignorance: 15 but ¹²like as he who called you *is* holy, be ye *yourselves* also holy in all manner of living; 16 because it is written, ¹³Ye shall be holy; for I *am* holy. 17 And if ye call on him *as* Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to each man's work, pass the time of your sojourning in fear: 18 knowing that ye were ransomed, not with corruptible things, with silver or gold, from your vain manner of life handed down from *your* fathers; 19 but with precious blood, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot, *even the blood* of Christ: 20 who was foreknown indeed before *the* foundation of *the* world, but was manifested at *the* last of the times for your sake, 21 who through him are believers in God, that raised him from *the* dead, and gave him glory; so that your faith and hope might be in God. 22 *Seeing* ye have purified your souls in your obedience to the truth¹⁴ unto unfeigned love of *the* brethren, love one another ¹⁵from a pure heart fervently: 23 having been begotten again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, through *the* word ¹⁶of God, which liveth and abideth. 24 For,

¹⁷All flesh *is* as grass,

And all *the* glory thereof as *the* flower of grass.

The grass withereth, and the flower falleth:

25 But the ¹⁸word of *the* Lord abideth for ever.

And this is the word of good tidings which was preached unto you.

2 Putting away therefore all ¹⁹wickedness, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, 2 as newborn babes, long for the ²⁰spiritual milk *which is* without guile, that ye may grow thereby unto salvation; 3 if ye have tasted that the Lord *is* gracious: 4 unto whom coming, a living stone, rejected indeed of men, but with God elect, ²¹precious, 5 ye also, as living stones, are built up ²²a spiritual house, *to be* a holy priesthood, to offer up ²³spiritual sacrifices,

¹² *Or*, like *the* Holy One who called you,

¹³ Lv 11:44f.; 19:2; 20:7.

¹⁴ So p⁷²B⁸A⁸NC⁸Ψ 1739 1852 1881 1241 1243 33 322 and 25 lesser Gk. mss., cop^{sa,bo} arm. 2298 and 464 still lesser Gk. mss., vg add through the spirit

¹⁵ BA 1852 vg almost alone read from the heart Compare 1Tm 1:5.

¹⁶ *Or*, of God who liveth Compare Dan 6:26.

¹⁷ Is 40:6ff.

¹⁸ Gk. saying (*both times*)

¹⁹ *Or*, malice, 1Co 14:20.

²⁰ Gk. belonging to *the* reason Cf. Ro 12:1 footnote.

²¹ *Or*, honorable, And similarly in vs. 6.

²² *Or*, *to be* a spiritual house for a holy priesthood,

²³ p⁷² alone omits sacrifices & alone omits spiritual

acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 Because it is contained in ²⁴scripture,

²⁵Behold, I lay in Zion a chief corner stone, elect, precious:

And he that believeth on ²⁶him shall not be put to shame.

⁷ ²⁷For you therefore that believe *is* the ²⁸preciousness: but for such as disbelieve,

²⁹The stone which the builders rejected,

The same became *the* head of *the* corner;

8 and,

³⁰A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence;

³¹for they ³²stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed. 9 But ye *are to be* an elect race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for *God's* own possession, that ye may show forth the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: 10 who in time past *were* no people, but now *are* a people of God: who had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

11 Beloved, I beseech *you* as sojourners and pilgrims, to abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; 12 having your behavior seemly among the Gentiles; that, wherein they speak against you as evil-doers, they may by *your* good works, which they behold, glorify God in *the* day of visitation.

13 Be subject to every ³³ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether to a king, as supreme; 14 or unto governors, as sent ³⁴by him for vengeance on evil-doers and for praise to them that do well. 15 For so is the will of God, that by well-doing ye should put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: 16 as free, and not ³⁵using the freedom for a cloak of ³⁶wickedness, but as bondservants of God. 17 Honor all *men*. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

18 ³⁷Servants, *be* in subjection to *your* masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the perverse. 19 For this *is* ³⁸acceptable, ³⁹if for conscience

²⁴ *Or*, in a scripture,

²⁵ Is 28:16.

²⁶ *Or*, it

²⁷ *Or*, In your sight

²⁸ *Or*, honor:

²⁹ Ps 118:22.

³⁰ Is 8:14.

³¹ *Gk.* who

³² *Or*, stumble, being disobedient to the word:

³³ *Gk.* creation

³⁴ *Gk.* through him

³⁵ *Gk.* having

³⁶ *Or*, malice

³⁷ *Gk.* Household-servants,

³⁸ *Gk.* grace *Also* in vs. 20.

³⁹ *So* p⁷²BAN and a majority of lesser *Gk.* mss., cop^{sa,bo} vg. C (Ψ 2344 33) 1739 1852 1881 1241 1243 322 arm *add* from God

⁴⁰toward God a man endureth griefs, suffering wrongfully. 20 For what glory *is it*, if, when ye sin, and are buffeted *for it*, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well and suffer *for it*, ye shall take it patiently, this *is* acceptable with God. 21 For hereunto were ye called: because Christ also ⁴¹suffered ⁴²for you, leaving you an example, that ye should follow his steps: 22 who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: 23 who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, threatened not; but committed ⁴³*himself* to him that judgeth righteously: 24 who *his own self* ⁴⁴bare our sins in his body upon the tree, that we, having died unto sins, might live unto righteousness; by whose ⁴⁵bruise ye were healed. 25 For ye were going astray like sheep; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and ⁴⁶Bishop of your souls.

3 In like manner, ye wives, *be* in subjection to *your* own husbands; that, even if any obey not the word, they may without *the* word be gained by the ⁴⁷behavior of *their* wives; 2 beholding your chaste behavior *coupled* with fear. 3 Whose *adorning* let it not be the outward adorning of braiding *the* hair, and of wearing *jewels of* gold, or of putting on apparel; 4 but *let it be* the hidden man of the heart, in the incorruptible *apparel* of the meek and quiet spirit, which is in *the* sight of God of great price. 5 For after this manner aforesaid the holy women also, who hoped in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection to *their own* ⁴⁸husbands: 6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose children ye became, if ye do well, and are not ⁴⁹put in fear by any terror.

7 Ye husbands, in like manner, dwell with *your wives* according to knowledge, giving honor ⁵⁰unto the woman, as unto *the* weaker vessel, as *being* also joint-

⁴⁰ *So* B^N and a majority of lesser *Gk.* mss., cop vg.

CΨ 1739 1852 1881 1241 1243 322 arm *read* of what *is* good p⁷² 81 *read* of the goodness of God

A* 2344 33 *read* of God's goodness

⁴¹ p⁸¹ ΞΨ and 62 lesser *Gk.* mss., arm *read* died (*Compare* with ch. 3:18.)

⁴² *So* p⁷²BAN CΨ 1739 1852 1241 vg arm. 1881 33 322 and a majority of lesser *Gk.* mss. *read* for us,

leaving you 1243 2344 cop^{bo} *read* for us, leaving us

⁴³ *Or*, *his cause*

⁴⁴ *Or*, carried up ... to the tree, Cf. Col 2:14; 1Macc. 4:53 (*Apocrypha*, *Gk. Septuagint*).

⁴⁵ *Or* possibly, stripes Cf. Is 53:5 (*Gk. Septuagint*).

⁴⁶ *Gk.* Overseer

⁴⁷ *Or*, manner of life *And* in vs. 2, 16.

⁴⁸ *Or*, husbands (as Sarah ... ye are become), doing well, and not being afraid.

⁴⁹ *Or*, afraid with

⁵⁰ *Gk.* unto the female vessel, as weaker,

heirs of *the* ⁵¹grace of life; to *the end* that your prayers be not hindered.

8 Finally, *be ye* all likeminded, ⁵²compassionate, loving as brethren, tenderhearted, ⁵³humbleminded: 9 not rendering evil for evil, or reviling for reviling; but contrariwise blessing; for hereunto were ye called, that ye should inherit a blessing. 10 For,

⁵⁴He that would love life,

And see good days,

Let him refrain *his* tongue from evil,

And *his* lips that they speak no guile:

11 And let him turn away from evil, and do good;

Let him seek peace, and pursue it.

12 For *the eyes of the Lord are* upon *the* righteous,

And his ears unto their supplication:

But *the face of the Lord is* upon them that do evil.

13 And who *is* he that will harm you, if ye be zealous of that which is good? 14 But even if ye should suffer for righteousness' sake, blessed *are ye*: and fear not their fear, ⁵⁵neither be troubled; 15 but sanctify in your hearts ⁵⁶Christ as Lord: *being* ready always to give answer to every man that asketh you a reason concerning the hope *that is* in you, yet with meekness and fear: 16 having a good conscience; that, wherein ye are spoken against, they may be put to shame who revile your good manner of life in Christ. 17 For *it is* better, if the will of God should so will, that ye suffer for well-doing than for evil-doing. 18 Because Christ also ⁵⁷for us died for sins once, *the* righteous for *the* unrighteous, that he might ⁵⁸bring you to God; being put to death in *the* flesh, but made alive in *the* spirit; 19 ⁵⁹in which ⁶⁰also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison, 20 that *afortime* were disobedient, when the longsuffering of God waited in *the* days of

⁵¹ A^s cop^{bo} read manifold grace of life;

p⁷² *virtually alone reads* grace of eternal life;

⁵² Gk. sympathetic,

⁵³ So p⁷²BAN^cΨ 1739 1852 and 108 lesser Gk. mss., cop vg (arm). 366 lesser Gk. mss. read courteous:

⁵⁴ Ps 34:12ff.

⁵⁵ 1852 reads and be not troubled; p⁷²B omit neither be troubled;

⁵⁶ So p⁷²BAN^cΨ 1739 1852 1881 1243 33 cop vg arm. 1241 2344 322 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. read God as Lord:

⁵⁷ So (S*) 1739 1852 1881 1243 2344 33 322 cop^{bo}. But p⁷²A(Ψ) 1241 arm read for you died for sins once, And B and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. read suffered for sins once, (Cf. ch. 2:21.) C*^{vid} cop^{sa} (vg) read died for our sins once,

⁵⁸ p⁷²BΨ 1852 1241 1243 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., arm. But AC 1739 1881 2344 33 322 cop^{sa,bo} vg read bring us S* omits you

⁵⁹ Or, by which (preferred by Wilson's diaglott)

⁶⁰ Or, having gone even to the spirits in prison, he heralded to them 20 that etc.

Noah, while an ark was being prepared, ⁶¹wherein few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water: 21 ⁶²which also ⁶³in *the* antitype doth now save you, *even* baptism, not a putting away of *the* filth of *the* flesh, but *the* ⁶⁴answer of a good conscience toward God, through *the* resurrection of Jesus Christ; 22 who is on *the* right *hand* of God, having gone into heaven; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

4 Forasmuch then as Christ ⁶⁵suffered in *the* flesh, arm ye yourselves also *with* the same ⁶⁶mind; for he that hath suffered in *the* flesh hath ceased ⁶⁷from sin; 2 that ⁶⁸ye no longer should live the rest of your time in *the* flesh to *the* lusts of men, but to *the* will of God. 3 For the time past may suffice to have wrought the desire of the Gentiles, and to have walked in lasciviousness, lusts, winebibbings, revellings, carousings, and abominable idolatries: 4 wherein they think it strange that ye run not with *them* into the same ⁶⁹excess of riot, speaking evil of *you*: 5 who shall give account to him that is ready to judge *the* living and *the* dead. 6 For unto this *end* ⁷⁰was *the* gospel preached even to the dead, that they might be judged indeed according to men in *the* flesh, but live according to God in *the* spirit.

7 But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore of sound mind, and be sober unto ⁷¹prayer: 8 above all things being fervent in your love among yourselves; for love covereth a multitude of sins: 9 *using* hospitality one to another without murmuring: 10 according as each hath received a gift, ministering it among yourselves, as good stewards of *the* manifold grace of God; 11 if any man speaketh, *speaking as it were* oracles of God; if any man ministereth, *ministering as of the* strength which God supplieth: that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, whose is the glory and the dominion ⁷²for ever and ever. Amen.

12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial among you, which cometh upon you to prove you,

⁶¹ Or, into which few, that is, eight souls, were brought safely through *the* water:

⁶² So BACΨ 1739 1852 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., vg arm. p⁷²S* cop^{sa} read *The* antitype also doth cop^{bo} reads which also as an antitype doth

⁶³ Or, after a true likeness doth now save you,

⁶⁴ Or, inquiry or, appeal or possibly, interrogation

⁶⁵ So p⁷²BCΨ 1739 1881 1243 322 cop^{sa} vg.

A (1852) 1241 2344 33 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., (cop^{bo}) arm read suffered for us in *the* flesh, S* reads died for you in *the* flesh,

⁶⁶ Or, thought; And so in vs. 2.

⁶⁷ So p⁷²AN*C 1739 (1881) and the majority of lesser Gk. mss. BΨ vg read unto sins;

⁶⁸ Or, he no longer ... his time

⁶⁹ Or, flood

⁷⁰ Or, were good tidings preached

⁷¹ Gk. prayers:

⁷² Gk. unto the ages of the ages.

as though a strange thing is happening unto you: 13 but insomuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings, rejoice; that at the revelation of his glory also ye may rejoice with exceeding joy. 14 If ye are reproached⁷³ for the name of Christ, blessed are ye; because the⁷⁴ Spirit of glory, even the Spirit of God, ⁷⁵resteth itself upon you. 15 For let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evil-doer, or as a meddler in other men's matters: 16 but if a man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God in this name. 17 For the time cometh for condemnation to begin at the house of God: and if it begin first at us, what shall be the end of them that obey not the⁷⁶ gospel of God: 18 And if the righteous is scarcely saved, where shall the ungodly and sinner appear? 19 Wherefore let them also that suffer according to the will of God commit their souls in well-doing unto a faithful Creator.

5 The elders therefore among you I exhort, who am a fellow-elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, who am also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: 2 Tend the flock of God which is among you, ⁷⁷exercising the oversight, not of constraint, but willingly, ⁷⁸according to the will of God; nor yet for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; 3 ⁷⁹neither as lording it over the charge allotted to you, but making yourselves ensamples of the flock. 4 And when the chief Shepherd shall be manifested, ye shall receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away. 5 ⁸⁰Likewise, ye younger, be subject unto the elder. Yes, all of you ⁸¹gird yourselves with humility, to serve one another:

⁷³ Gk. in

⁷⁴ So p⁷²BΨ and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. A(ℵ*) 1739 1881 1241 1243 2344 33 322 cop^{(sa),bo} read Spirit of glory and power and the Spirit of God 1852 reads the name of glory and power and the name of God and the Spirit

⁷⁵ So Bℵ* (A 1852 1739^{mg} 322) arm. p⁷² (1739^{txt} 1881 1241 2344 33) read hath rested itself upon you. (Ψ) and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop^{sa} read resteth itself upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

⁷⁶ Gk. good tidings See Mt 4:23 margin.

⁷⁷ So p⁷²AΨ 1739 1852 1881 1241 1243 2344^{vid} and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop^{bo} vg arm. Bℵ* 322 omit exercising the oversight,

⁷⁸ So p⁷²Aℵ*Ψ 1739 1852 1881 1241 1243 2344^{vid} 33 322 cop^{sa}. B and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. omit according to the will of God;

⁷⁹ B alone omits vs. 3.

⁸⁰ Or, Likewise ... elder: yes, all of you one to another. Gird yourselves with humility

⁸¹ So (p⁷²)Bℵ* 1739 1852 1241 1243 2344 33 322 cop vg. 1881 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss. read be subject to one another, gird yourselves with humility,

for God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble. 6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time; 7 casting all your anxiety upon him, because he careth for you. 8 Be sober be watchful: your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: 9 whom withstand stedfast⁸² in your faith, knowing that the same sufferings are ⁸³accomplished in your ⁸⁴brethren who are in the world. 10 And the God of all grace, who called you unto his eternal glory in Christ, after that ye have suffered a little while, shall himself ⁸⁵perfect, establish, strengthen, ⁸⁶settle you. 11 To him be ⁸⁷the dominion ⁸⁸for ever and ever. Amen.

12 By Silvanus, ⁸⁹our faithful brother, as I account him, I have written unto you briefly, exhorting, and testifying that this is the true grace of God: stand ye fast therein. 13 ⁹⁰She that is in ⁹¹Babylon, elect together with you, saluteth you; and so doth Mark my son. 14 Salute one another with a kiss of love.

Peace be unto you all that are ⁹²in Christ.

End of the First Epistle of Peter

⁸² Or, in the faith,

⁸³ Gk. being accomplished

⁸⁴ Gk. brotherhood which is in the world.

⁸⁵ Or, restore

⁸⁶ BA(Ψ 0206) vg almost alone omit settle

⁸⁷ So (p⁷²)BAΨ alone, vg. ℵ and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop^{sa} read the glory and the dominion 1739 1852 1881 1241 1243 2344 33 322 cop^{bo} arm read the dominion and the glory

⁸⁸ Gk. unto the ages of the ages. But p⁷²B cop^{bo} arm almost alone omit and ever (or, omit of the ages)

⁸⁹ Gk. the

⁹⁰ That is, The church or, The sister

⁹¹ ℵ arm read Babylonian church, 2138 reads Rome,

⁹² So BAΨ 2344 almost alone. ℵ 1852 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., arm read in Christ Jesus. Amen. 1739* 1881 1241 1243 322 read in Christ Jesus.