

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

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

3 Blessed be the God and 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 incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

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

6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

Chapter 1



1 Peter



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

8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

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

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

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.

12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in 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 on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:

18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;



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

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

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.

22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

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

25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

1 Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, all evil speakings,

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

Chapter 2



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



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

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

6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

7 Unto you therefore which believe he 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 of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light;



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.

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

12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

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

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

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

16 As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.

17 Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

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

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

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

21 For even  
hereunto  
were ye  
called:  
because  
Christ also  
suffered for  
us, leaving us  
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,  
he threatened  
not; but  
committed  
himself to  
him that  
judgeth  
righteously:

24 Who his  
own self bare  
our sins in his  
own body on  
the tree, that  
we, being  
dead to sins,  
should live  
unto righ-  
teousness: 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.

### Chapter 3



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1 Likewise, ye  
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  
conversation  
of the wives;

2 While they  
behold your  
chaste  
conversation  
coupled with  
fear.

3 Whose  
adorning let  
it not be that  
outward  
adorning of  
hair, and of  
wearing of  
gold, or of  
putting on of  
apparel;

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

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

6 Even as  
Sara obeyed  
Abraham,  
calling him  
lord: whose  
daughters ye  
are, as long  
as ye do well,  
and are not  
afraid with  
any  
amazement.

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

8 Finally, be  
ye all of one  
mind, having  
compassion  
one of  
another, love  
as brethren,  
be pitiful, be  
courteous:

9 Not  
rendering evil  
for evil, or  
railing for  
railing: but  
contrariwise  
blessing;  
knowing that  
ye are  
thereunto  
called, that  
ye should  
inherit a  
blessing.

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:

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

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

13 And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?

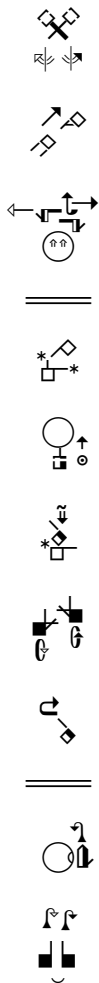
14 But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;

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 fear:

16 Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse 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, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:



19 By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;



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

21 The like figure whereunto even baptism doth 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:

22 Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

**Chapter 4**

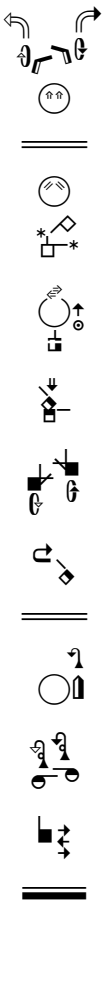


1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;	2 That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.	3 For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:	4 Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:	5 Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead.	6 For for this cause 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.	7 But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.	8 And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.	9 Use hospitality one to another without grudging.
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10 As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.	11 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.	12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:	13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.	14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.	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.	16 Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.	17 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?
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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 the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

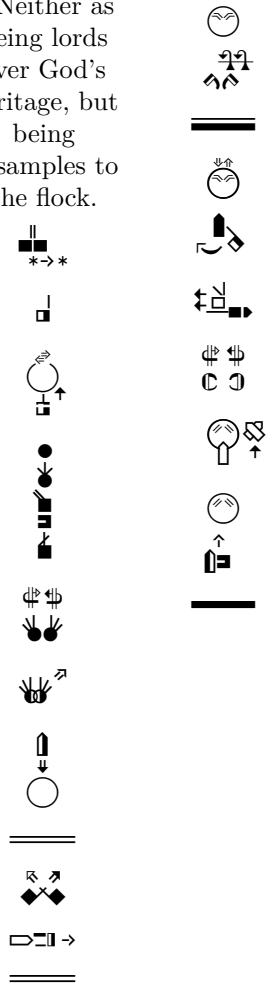
Chapter 5



1 The elders which are among you I exhort, who 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 is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

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



4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: 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 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

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

10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

11 To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

12 By Silvanus, a faithful brother unto you, as I suppose, I have written briefly, exhorting, and testifying 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 so  
doth Marcus  
my son.

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14 Greet ye  
one another  
with a kiss of  
charity.  
Peace be with  
you all that  
are in Christ  
Jesus. Amen.