

Chapter 1

1 Peter

¹Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, ²Elect according to the foreknowledge 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. **(A Christian is given the ability to obey the Lord (live a lifestyle similar to the one explained in chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website – www.areasyouaresaved.com) due to the Holy Spirit's work.)**

³Blessed 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, **(If Christ had not rose from the dead, there wouldn't be hope of going to heaven.)** ⁴To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, ⁵Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: **(A Christian is guaranteed a future home in heaven, even if they're faced with challenging trials. A Christian believes the previous statement pertains to them, and this brings great joy.)** ⁷That 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: **(A Christian who continues to follow Christ (live a lifestyle similar to the one explained in chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website – www.areasyouaresaved.com) throughout trials receives assurance of their salvation.)** ⁸Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see *him* not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: ⁹Receiving the end of your faith, *even* the salvation of *your* souls. **(A Christian loves and trusts the Lord, even though they haven't seen Him. This brings unspeakable joy in addition to a future home in heaven.)**

¹⁰Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace *that should come* unto you: ¹¹Searching 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. **(These prophecies that came true clearly prove that Jesus is the Messiah.)** ¹²Unto 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.

¹³Wherefore 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; ¹⁴As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: ¹⁵But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; ¹⁶Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

17And 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: **(A Christian should continue living a holy lifestyle (a lifestyle similar to the one explained in chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website – www.areasureyouaresaved.com) throughout their life.)** 18Forasmuch 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; 19But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: **(God bought every Christian from a life of sin and a future in hell with the blood Christ shed on the cross.)** 20Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, 21Who 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.

22Seeing 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: **(A Christian is given the ability to no longer be selfish and fervently love others more and more over time. For examples of this type of love, see chapter 14 of the pdf file book featured at this website – www.areasureyouaresaved.com)** 23Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

24For 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:

25But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you. **(A person's time on earth and accomplishments don't last, but a Christian's time in heaven and God's soul-saving message lasts forever.)**

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Chapter 2

1 Peter

¹Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, **(Planning to do harm to others, jealousy, dishonesty, and talking bad about others shouldn't be part of a Christian's life. A professing Christian may want others to believe they're righteous, but if they're involved in such sins without wanting to stop, they're a hypocrite.)** ²As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: ³If so be ye have tasted that the Lord *is* gracious. **(If someone has become a Christian, they should have a strong desire to learn about the Bible and live the way it instructs.)**

⁴To whom coming, as *unto* a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, *and* precious, ⁵Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. **(These spiritual sacrifices are following Christ (living a lifestyle similar to the one explained in chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website – www.areasureyouaresaved.com)**

⁶Wherefore 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.

⁷Unto 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,

⁸And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, *even to them* which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

⁹But 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: **(God gives salvation to someone, who believes Christ is the corner stone, so they can show the praises (character traits) of Jesus. As a result, this will glorify God/cause people to think well of Him, and people will want to become Christians. For information on Jesus' character traits, see the fifth indented paragraph through the remaining paragraphs of chapter 21 of the pdf file book featured at this website – www.areasureyouaresaved.com)** ¹⁰Which in time past *were* not a people, but *are* now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

¹¹Dearly beloved, I beseech *you* as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; **(The desire to sin is still present in a Christian's life. When it appears, they should refuse to give in and not say, think, or do it.)** ¹²Having 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. **(Non-Christians are typically opposed to Christians and accuse them of wrongdoing. With this in mind, a Christian should be on their best behavior and do good**

things for others. This can have a lasting effect on their accusers and make them say, "This person and God aren't bad, so I should become a Christian too."

13Submit 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. **(A Christian should obey the law.)** **15**For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: **(It's important for a Christian to obey all laws, even the ones that don't seem important to God. This leaves non-Christians without the opportunity to accuse of wrongdoing.)** **16**As free, and not using *your* liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. **(A Christian isn't required to adhere to Old Testament customs and rituals, and human government doesn't decide if they go to heaven or not, so they're free in this aspect. But, since a Christian is a servant of God, they should obey the government and God's commands in the Bible, because this is what God wants. The exception, though, is that they shouldn't obey the government if it goes against God's commands in the Bible.)** **17**Honour all *men*. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king. **(A Christian should respect everyone, love other Christians, be careful to obey God's commands in the Bible, and respect their leaders.)**

18Servants, *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. **(These verses can be applied to today's workforce: A Christian employee, who wants to follow God's will, should try to do their job well without getting flustered, even if their boss treats them horribly. Although, a Christian doesn't have to cooperate with sexual and other forms of harassment that don't align with company policies. In these situations, they should report such treatment.)** **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. **(For example, a Christian doesn't get praise from God if they get punished for stealing at their workplace, but if they get punished or treated unfairly for being honest and kind (being persecuted) and doesn't react negatively, God is pleased with them.)**

21For 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: **(Like Christ, a Christian shouldn't sin, such as deceive others.)** **23**Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed *himself* to him that judgeth righteously: **(As Christ reacted when He was treated unfairly, a Christian should follow His example: When He was insulted, He didn't return insults or threaten revenge when He suffered verbal and physical attacks. He left this to be fairly judged by God.)** **24**Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. **(While Jesus was on the cross, God took our sins (past, present, and future) and placed them on Jesus, who became guilty for every sin. "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." (Isaiah 53:6) Then,**

God punished Him for every sin. Isaiah 53:5 says, "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." After Jesus was punished, bled, and died, God's wrath toward sin was satisfied (Isaiah 53:10-11 proclaims, "Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities."), and every sin was erased by Jesus' shed blood – "And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood," (Revelation 1:5). First Peter 1:18-19 also states, "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; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:" If someone is ready to begin following Jesus after they believe their sins were erased (See note for 1 Peter 4:18) after Jesus was punished for them, shed His blood, and died, they will go to heaven - "Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood ..." (Romans 3:25). Isaiah 1:18 adds, "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." After someone believes this and becomes a Christian, they're given the ability to avoid sinning and live unto righteousness (live a lifestyle similar to the one explained in chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website – www.areyousureyouaresaved.com) due to the Holy Spirit's work, explained in 2 Corinthians 3:18 and 1 Peter 1:2.)²⁵For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls. (Before someone becomes a Christian, they're going astray in a life of sin; their soul needs Jesus for transformation and everlasting protection.)

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Chapter 3

1 Peter

¹Likewise, 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; ²While they behold your chaste conversation *coupled* with fear. **(As every Christian should obey government laws (1 Peter 2:16) and their masters, (1 Peter 2:18-19) if they don't contradict God's commands, a Christian wife should respectfully obey their husband's instructions, (where to live, what to buy, future plans, etc.) if they don't contradict God's commands. If a Christian wife's husband isn't a Christian, and they observe their good and respectful behavior towards them and how well they follow Christ, (live a lifestyle similar to the one explained in chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website – www.areasureyouaresaved.com) they can be influenced to become a Christian, even without their wife explaining the process.)** ³Whose adorning let it not be that outward *adorning* of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; ⁴But *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. ⁵For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: **(True beauty of a Christian wife comes from gently and quietly obeying their husband's instructions and how well they follow Christ, not from their hair style, jewelry, or fine clothing. A professing Christian wife should focus on having true beauty.)** ⁶Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement. **(The way Sara obeyed Abraham's instructions is the perfect example for a Christian wife, who would have no need to fear offending her husband.)**

⁷Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with *them* according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered. **(A Christian husband should protect and care for and understand the needs of his wife. If not, he will have his prayers hindered.)**

⁸Finally, *be* ye all of one mind, **(A Christian should think God's way - explained in chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website – www.areasureyouaresaved.com)** having compassion one of another, **(really care for and be sympathetic towards others)** love as brethren, **(be committed to other Christians as much as family)** *be* pitiful, **(not just be sympathetic, but do things to help others)** *be* courteous: **(put others' needs and interests ahead of theirs')** ⁹Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing. **(When someone does something evil to or insults a Christian, they shouldn't retaliate with evil or insults. Plus, they could respond with positive words if possible, look for opportunities to do good things for them, (Matthew 5:44) and ask God to bless them in all ways. This is what God calls a Christian to do.)**

10For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: **(Speaking evil and lying about others and being misleading isn't for a Christian. Avoiding this will result in many good days.)**

11Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it. **(A Christian should turn away from evil and do good for others, and they should seek to be at peace with others and try to keep it that way.)**

12For the eyes of the Lord *are* over the righteous, **(These are Christians, and a characteristic of them is following God's commands.)** and his ears *are open* unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord *is* against them that do evil.

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

14But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy *are ye*: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled; **(When a Christian is persecuted for doing good, they should be comforted that God favors them and has reserved a place in heaven for them. (Matthew 5:10))** 15But 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: **(Instead of fearing suffering and persecution, a Christian should focus on allowing Jesus to be the Lord of their life. (living a lifestyle similar to the one explained in chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website – www.areasyouaresaved.com) Non-Christians will be curious as to how the Christian is behaving so well in spite of their poor treatment, and the Christian should be ready to gently and respectfully explain that they're given this ability because Jesus came into their heart when they became a Christian. Then, they can explain to non-Christians how they can become Christians, such as referring them to chapter 41 of the pdf file book featured at this website – www.areasyouaresaved.com)** 16Having 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. **(When a Christian follows the previous verse, those who accuse them of doing evil will be ashamed of their lies.)** 17For *it is* better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing. **(When a Christian suffers for doing good, (being persecuted) others can be greatly influenced by the way the Christian handles it and be encouraged to become Christians too. (see previous notes) On the other hand, if non-Christians witness a Christian being punished for wrongdoing, that discourages others from accepting Jesus and His message.)** 18For 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: **(We are the ones who deserve to suffer and die for our sins, but Christ (who never sinned) took this punishment so we could go to heaven.)** 19By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; 20Which 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. 21The 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: **(When a Christian is baptized, it symbolizes that the resurrection of Christ has saved**

them from hell, and they're turning to God from a life of sin and asking Him to cleanse their hearts from it.) ²²Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

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Chapter 4

1 Peter

¹Forasmuch 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; **(When a Christian makes the commitment to follow Christ for the rest of their life, (live a lifestyle similar to the one explained in chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website – www.areasyouaresaved.com) they're refusing to live their old, sinful lifestyle. They're determined to live this lifestyle no matter how difficult circumstances become or how horrible people treat them.)** ²That he no longer should live the rest of *his* time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. **(When they focus on following Christ this way every day, they won't have time to focus on unimportant pleasures.)** ³For the time past of *our* life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, **(sexual activity before marriage and wanting to have sexual activity before marriage)** excess of wine, **(drunkenness)** revellings, **(orgies)** banquetings, **(parties with drunkenness)** and abominable idolatries: ⁴Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with *them* to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of *you*: **(A Christian who formally did those kind of things could be ridiculed by the people they used to do those things with. The Christian shouldn't let that bother them and not let peer pressure lure them back into sinful activity.)** ⁵Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead. ⁶For 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.

⁷But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. **(When a Christian is focused on following Christ, their mind is clear and are able to pray effectively.)** ⁸And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. **(If a Christian tries hard to show love to others, (See chapter 14 of the pdf file book featured at this website – www.areasyouaresaved.com) they won't sin against them.)** ⁹Use hospitality one to another without grudging. ¹⁰As every man hath received the gift, *even* so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. ¹¹If 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. **(A Christian gifted with the ability to preach or explain the Bible or help those in need should do so to the best of their ability.)**

¹²Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: ¹³But 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. **(God allows horrible things to happen in a Christian's life, and how they respond to them lets them have assurance of their salvation. If a trial happens and they continue to live the Christian lifestyle, they know they're on the right path. On the other hand, if they stop living that lifestyle permanently, that's evidence that they were never really a Christian. Plus, they have the privilege of suffering in a similar manner as Christ did, being identified with Him.)**

James 1:2-4 are similar verses.) **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. **(Matthew 5:11-12 carries the same meaning: A professing Christian gains assurance of their salvation when people talk to and treat them horribly because they follow Christ.)** **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. **(There's no benefit if a Christian is punished for committing sin, but if they're punished for doing good while following Christ, they should thank God for being persecuted for His cause.)** **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? **(Once someone becomes a Christian, they'll never have to pay the penalty for their sins in hell, because Christ did that for them on the cross. (1 Peter 3:18) However, God punishes their consciences when they sin after they become a Christian, and this leads them to feel ashamed for failing Him and makes them determined to not fail Him again. But, if a professing Christian doesn't feel this way after they sin, they wasn't a Christian in the first place. (Hebrews 12:3-17) When those who aren't Christians die, with the exception of those who are too young or unable to understand right from wrong and how they can become a Christian, they pay the penalty for their sins in hell.)** **18**And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? **(People are taught that they can become a Christian if they believe Jesus died on the cross for their sins and arose from the dead. As a result, they have two choices - If they believe Jesus died on the cross for their sins, they will go to heaven. If they don't believe Jesus died on the cross for their sins, they won't go to heaven. There are those who really become Christians when they choose to believe, because their hearts were prepared to receive Jesus before they believed (The Parable of the Sower - Matthew 13:1-23). Although, the tragedy is that few people become Christians when they are simply left with the decision to believe or not to believe. The reason this happens is because they don't strive to enter in at the straight gate (Luke 13:22-24). A person needs to realize that after they pray or make a decision to become a Christian, they must make every effort (try very hard) to begin following Jesus (live a lifestyle similar to the one explained in chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website – www.areasureyouaresaved.com), no matter who or what circumstances try to stop them. So, the question is, "Why do few people become Christians?" The answer is, "They don't strive to enter in at the straight gate. (Luke 13:22-24)" This is basically the same question the person asked Jesus in Luke 13:23. The person asked Jesus, "Lord, are there few that be saved?" In Luke 13:24 Jesus answered and said, "Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able." From this point of view, and if a person wants to make sure their heart is prepared to receive Christ, it is a little difficult. However, when 1 Peter 4:18 is taken into context, it means that a Christian's life is difficult due to being persecuted for following Christ. But, this also ties into the first point, because a person considering becoming a Christian needs to be willing to endure persecution as they do the Lord's work after they pray or make a decision to become a Christian. Most people (the ungodly and sinners) aren't willing to live the lifestyle of following Christ after believing He is their Savior, and they have no hope of making it to heaven.)** **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. **(If a Christian is punished and treated horribly because they follow Christ, they should continue living that way and trust that God is with them always and approves of them and their efforts.)**

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Chapter 5

1 Peter

1The 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; **(An elder of a church should willingly serve the Lord and help its members, not only for recognition.)** **3**Neither as being lords over *God's* heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. **(They should set a good example (live a lifestyle similar to the one explained in chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website – www.areasureyouaresaved.com) and not be a tyrant.)** **4**And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. **(If they follow these instructions, Christ will reward them.)**

5Likewise, 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. **(A younger in the faith church member should obey the correct teaching of an elder, but no one should think or act like they're better or more important than others; they should put the needs of others before theirs'. A professing Christian who is proud should ask God to forgive them for that and abandon those thoughts and actions.)**

6Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: **(If a Christian puts the needs of others before theirs' and focuses on following Christ, (living a lifestyle similar to the one explained in chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website – www.areasureyouaresaved.com) God will reward them when He decides.)** **7**Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. **(God always cares for a Christian, so they should ask Him to fix or help them overcome their problems and concerns.)** **8**Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: **(A Christian needs to be ready to face trials and difficulty the devil will send their way.)** **9**Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. **(When attacks happen, they should stand firm, continue to follow Christ, and ask God to give them wisdom as to how they can overcome the difficulties.)**

10But 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*. **(Life can be challenging for a Christian, but perfection awaits them in heaven.)** **11**To him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

12By 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. **(God has a purpose for allowing a Christian to face trials and persecution: If a professing Christian doesn't quit following Christ due to trials and persecution, they have a way to have**

assurance of their salvation. (James 1:2-4, Matthew 10:22, 1 John 2:19, 1 Peter 1:6-7) 13*The church that is at Babylon, elected together with you, saluteth you; and so doth Marcus my son. 14*Greet ye one another with a kiss of charity. Peace *be* with you all that are in Christ Jesus. Amen.

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