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--"By Jesus Christ stripes/whippings/wounds we are Healed."

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Book of 1st PETER

CHAPTER 1

1 Peter, an Apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those Saints who reside as strangers, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are Chosen 2 according to the Foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit --to Obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His Great Mercy has caused us to be Born Again --to a living Hope through --

--the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 <u>-To obtain an Inheritance</u> --<u>which is imperishable/eternal and holy</u> --and will Not fade away, --<u>Reserved in Heaven for you</u>,

5 who are protected by the power of God through Faith for a Salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various hard Trials.

7 Remember always --<u>that --the trying/Testing of your Faith by Fire --is way more</u> <u>precious than gold/money/possessions which Perishes.</u> That your Faith may be found to result in praise and glory and --honor at the revelation/appearing of Jesus Christ.

8 And though you have Not seen Him/physically --you Love Him, and though you do not see Jesus Christ now physically in person --You Believe in Him, --you greatly Rejoice --with Joy inexpressible/unspeakable and full of glory, 9 obtaining as the outcome of your Faith --the Salvation of your Souls.

10 As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the Grace that would come to you made careful searches and inquiries, 11 seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow.

12 It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the Gospel of God to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which Angels long to want to know about.

13_Therefore, prepare/<u>organize your Minds for Action/--doing Good Works --for the</u> <u>Kingdom of God</u>, keep sober/alert in spirit,

-- ix your Hope completely on the Grace to be brought to you --at the revelation/appearing of Jesus Christ.

14 --As Obedient children, do Not be conformed/in bondage --to the former Lusts/sins -which were yours in your ignorance
--but just like God Almighty is Holy who called you,

--be Holy Yourselves also in --All your Behavior/conduct/actions/thinking1

6 because it is written, --"You Shall be Holy --for I/God- am Holy."

17 If you approach God --as the One who impartially/no respecter of persons---and Judges according to each person's Work,
--Conduct yourselves --in the Fear of God during the time of your stay on earth,

18 knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, 19 but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless --the Blood of Christ.

20 For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you 21 who through Him are Believers in God, --who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory --so that your Faith and Hope are in God.

22 Since you have in Obedience to the Truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the saints, --fervently Love one another from the Heart, 23 for you have been Born-Again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring Word of God.

24 For, --All flesh is like grass,
And all its glory --like the flower of grass.
The grass withers,
And the flower --falls off,
25 --<u>But the Word of Almighty God --endures forever/eternally</u>,
And this is the Word which was preached to you.

CHAPTER 2

1 Therefore, putting aside all malice/worldly favoritism and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander, 2 like newborn babies, long/desire --for the pure milk of the Word of God, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation, 3 if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.

4 And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men but is choice and precious in the sight of God, 5 you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a Holy Priesthood --to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For this is contained in Scripture:

"Behold, I lay in Zion a choice stone, a precious corner stone, And whoever believes in Him/Jesus --will not be disappointed."

7 This precious value, then, is for you who believe,

--but for those who disbelieve --The stone/Jesus --which the builders rejected, This became the very corner stone,"

8 and --A stone of stumbling --and a rock of offense";

for they stumble because --they are Disobedient to the Word --and to this doom they were also appointed.

9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession --so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him, --who has called you out of Darkness/sinning into --His marvelous Light;

10 for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

11 Beloved, I urge you --as aliens and strangers/pilgrims in this worldly sinful system to --Abstain from Fleshly Lusts --which wage war against the Soul.

12 Keep your Behavior excellent among the Gentiles/unbelievers, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of Your Good Deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.

13 Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king/president as the one in authority, 14 or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right. 15 For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish people. 16 Act as free people, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil/sinning but use it as bond slaves of God.

17 Honor all people, Love the saints, --Fear God—and honor the king/president.

18 Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable. 19 For this finds favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly. 20 For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer for it --you Patiently Endure it --this finds Favor with God.

21 For you have been called for this purpose, since Jesus Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, 22 who committed No sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth.

23 Jesus while being mocked sarcastically --did not mock back in return,

while suffering --He uttered No Threats but kept Trusting God completely who Judges Righteously.

24 And Jesus Christ bore our Sins in his Body on a cross,

--so that we might --Die to Sin and --Live to Righteousness --

--for by Jesus Christ's whippings and wounds --You Were Healed --spiritually, mentally, and physically.

25 For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

CHAPTER 3

1 In the same way, you Wives --be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives --as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior. 3 Your adornment must not be merely external braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on expensive dresses;

4 but let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality ----<u>of a Gentle and Quiet Spirit --which is Precious/valuable --in the sight of God.</u>

5 For in this way in former times the Holy Women also, who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, being Submissive to --their own husbands; 6 just as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, and you have become her children if you do what is right without being frightened by any fear.

7 You Husbands in the same way --live with your wives in an understanding way, as with someone Weaker --since she is a woman --and show her Honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.

8 To sum up, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and Humble in spirit --<u>Not returning evil for evil or insult for insult --but giving a Blessing Instead;</u> for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing.

10 For, "The person who desires life, to love and see good days,
<u>--Must keep their Tongue from Evil --and their Lips from --speaking Lies/deceit.</u>
11 They must Turn Away from Evil --and do Good;
They <u>must seek Peace</u> --and <u>pursue it.</u>

12 For the Eyes of the Lord are toward the Righteous, And His ears attend to their prayer, But the face of the Lord is Against those --who Do Evil. 13 Who is there to harm you if you prove zealous for doing --what is good? 14 But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. And do not fear their intimidation, and do not be troubled, 15 but sanctify/put first Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the Hope that is in you --yet with Gentleness and reverence.

16 --And <u>keep a Good Conscience</u> --so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ will be put to shame.

17 For it is better, if God should will it so, that you suffer for doing what is right rather than for doing what is wrong. 18 For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit,

19 in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits now in prison, 20 who once were disobedient, when the patience of God --kept Waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the Ark/a gigantic ship, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through the water.

21 Corresponding to that, Baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal/repentance to God for a good Conscience—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who is at the right hand of God, having gone into Heaven, Angels and authorities and powers having been subjected to Him.

CHAPTER 4

1 Therefore, since Christ has suffered in the flesh/for doing righteousness --arm yourselves also with the same purpose, because whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from Sin,

2 so as to Live the rest of their time in the flesh/body --

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--No longer living --for the Lusts/sins --of people but Living --for the Will of God.
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3 For the time already past is sufficient for you to have carried out the desire of the Gentiles, having pursued a course of sensuality, lusts, drunkenness, carousing, drinking parties, and debauchery. 4 In all this, they are surprised that you do not run with them into the same excesses of dissipation/sinning, and they malign you. 5 <u>--But They will Give an Account to --God --</u>who is ready to Judge the living and the dead.

6 For the Gospel has for this purpose been preached even to those who are dead, that though they are judged in the flesh as people, they may live --in the spirit according to the will of God.

7 The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and Sober Spirit for the purpose of prayer. 8 Above all, keep fervent in your Love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins. 9 Be Hospitable to one another without complaint. 10 As each one has received a special gift --employ/use --it in Serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

11 Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

12 <u>Beloved/Saints --do Not be surprised at the Fiery Trial among you, which comes</u> <u>upon you for --Your Testing/from God –</u>

--as though some Strange Thing --were happening to you; 13 but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ --keep on Rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation.

14 --<u>If you are reviled/put down/mocked --for the Name of Christ --you are Blessed</u>, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. 15 Make sure that none of you suffers as --a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler/Gossiper.

16 But if anyone Suffers as a Christian --they are --Not to be ashamed and to glorify God.

17 For it is time for Judgment to Begin --with the household/Saints of God; and if it begins with us Saints first--

--what will be the outcome for those --who --do Not Obey the Gospel of God?

18 And if it is with --difficult constant Over-Coming-

that the Righteous/Saints are Saved .---

--What will Become Of --the godless people and sinners?

19 Therefore, let those who suffer according to the Will of God entrust their souls to a Faithful Creator in doing what is right.

CHAPTER 5

1 Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as your fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed,

2 Shepherds --lead wisely --the flock/sheep of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the Will of God; and not for getting paid money/a salary, but with eagerness; 3 nor yet as Lording it/bossing around --over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be godly Examples --to the flock.

4 <u>And when the Chief Shepherd/Jesus Christ appears</u> ----you will Receive the --eternal Crown of Glory.

5 You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders, and all of you, clothe yourselves with Humility --toward one another, -- for God is opposed to the Proud --but gives Grace to the Humble.

6 <u>Therefore Humble Yourselves under --the mighty hand of God,</u> -- that He --May Exalt you --at the proper/due time,

7 casting all your Anxiety/cares on God --because He really Cares for you.

8 Be of sober spirit -- be on the Alert! --Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion --seeking someone to devour.

9 --<u>But Rebuke/Resist him/the devil --in the</u> --<u>All-Powerful</u> --**Name of Jesus Christ** ----standing Firm in your Faith.

And know that the same experiences of Suffering/for Christ that you Endure are being accomplished by your fellow saints who are in other areas.

10 After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself --perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you. 11 To God be dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Peace be to you all who are in Jesus Christ.

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Book of 2nd PETER

CHAPTER 1

1 Simon Peter, a Bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who have received a Faith of the same kind as ours, by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ: 2 Grace and Peace --be multiplied to you in the Knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

3 Seeing that His divine Power has granted to us everything pertaining --to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

4 For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them --you may become partakers of the Divine Nature,

-- having Escaped the Corruption -- that is in the World by Lusts/sinning.

5 Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your Faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge, 6 and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, Godliness,

7 and in your Godliness, kindness, and becoming more Loving. 8 For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the True Knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For whoever lacks these qualities is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten their cleansing from their former sins.

10 Therefore, saints, be all the more diligent to make certain about God's calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will Never Stumble; 11 for in this way of Living --the Entrance into the Eternal Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied/opened to you.

12 Therefore, I will always be ready to remind you of these things, even though you already know them, and have been established in the truth which is present with you. 13 I consider it right, as long as I am in this earthly dwelling/body, to stir you up by way of reminder,

14 knowing that the laying aside/death --of my earthly dwelling/human body is imminent, as also our Lord Jesus Christ has made this clear to me. 15 And I will also be diligent/hope that at any time after my departure you will be able to call these things to mind.

16 For we did/do Not follow --cleverly devised tales/fables when we made known to you the Power and Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but --we were Eyewitnesses of His

majesty/life. 17 For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, such an utterance as this was made to Him by God Almighty --"This is My beloved Son with whom I am Well-Pleased"— 18 and we ourselves --heard this utterance made from Heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

19 So we have the prophetic word made surer, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts. 20 But know this first of all, that no Prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, 21 for no Prophecy was ever made by an act of human will --but people moved/anointed by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

CHAPTER 2

1 But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies/doctrines, even denying the Lord who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves. 2 Many will follow their sensuality/shameful ways, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned/mixed with sorcery; 3 and in their Greed/money-hungry they will exploit you with false words; their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

4 For if God did Not spare Rebellious Angels when they Sinned --but Cast them into Hell --and committed them to pits/jail cells/chains of darkness, reserved for judgment; 5 and did Not Spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the World of the Ungodly;

6 and if God condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing them to ashes,

--having made them an Example to those who would live --Ungodly Lives thereafter. 7 And if He rescued righteous Lot, oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men 8 (for by what he saw and heard that righteous man, while living among them, felt his righteous soul tormented day after day by their lawless/sinful deeds),

9 Without a doubt then --the Lord knows how to Rescue his Faithful Obeying Saints from temptations, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the Day of Judgment, 10 and especially those who indulge the flesh in its corrupt desires and despise authority.

Daring, self-willed, they do not tremble when they revile angelic majesties, 11 whereas Angels who are greater in might and power do not bring a reviling judgment against them before the Lord.

12 But these, as natural wild killer animals/beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption.

13 And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot/party in the daytime. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceiving's while they feast/fellowship with you;

14 Having eyes full of sexual sins/porno, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling/fooling/deceiving unstable soul. They have a heart that they have exercised with covetous/greedy practices. They are cursed children:

15 Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness/covetousness/lies/greediness,

16 but he received a rebuke for his own transgression, for a mute donkey, speaking with a voice of a man, restrained the madness of the prophet.

17 These Evil People are springs without water and mists driven by a storm,

-- for whom the black darkness/outer darkness/hell has been reserved.

18 For speaking out arrogant words of vanity they entice by fleshly desires, by sensuality, those who barely escape from the ones who live in error,

19 --promising them freedom while they themselves are slaves of corruption,

-- <u>for by what Sins a person is Overcome -- by these they are Enslaved/these sins are their masters.</u>

20 For if, after they have Escaped the sins/lusts of the world by the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ --they are again entangled in them and

Are --Overcome --the last state has become worse for them than the first.

21 For it would be better for them Not to have known the way of righteousness/salvation --than having known it, to turn away --from the holy commandment/new covenant given to them. 22 It has happened to them according to the true proverb,

-- "A dog --returns to --its own vomit," and, "A sow/pig, after washing,

returns to -wallowing/living --in the mire/mud."

CHAPTER 3

1 This is now, beloved, the second letter I am writing to you in which I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, 2 that you should remember the words spoken beforehand by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken by your apostles.

3 Know this first of all, that in the Last Days --Mockers will come with their mocking, following after their Own Lusts, 4 and saying --"Where is the promise of His/Jesus's Coming back? --For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning/history of creation."

5 For when they maintain/say this, it escapes their notice that by --the Word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water, 6 through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water.

7 But by God's Word --the present Heavens and Earth are being --reserved for Fire, kept for the Day of Judgment and destruction of ungodly people.

8 But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved,

<u>that with the Lord</u> --One Day is --like a thousand years --and a thousand years --like One Day.

9 The Lord is not slow about keeping His Promises, as some count slowness, but is Patient toward you.

God does not want any person to Perish --but for all to come to Repentance/quit sinning.

10 But the Day of the Lord --will come like a thief in the night,

-- in which the Heavens will Pass Away with a roar and all the elements/physical things will be Destroyed with intense fire/heat --and the Earth and all its sinful evil works will be Burned Up.

11 Since all these things are to be Destroyed in this way----<u>what sort of people/saints ought you to be in --Holy Conduct and godliness</u> --looking for and hastening the Coming of the Day of God, because of which --the Heavens/planets/stars --will be destroyed by burning/Fire, and the elements will melt with intense heat.

13 But according to his Promise we are looking ----for New Heavens and a New Earth --in which Righteousness dwells/Rules.

14 Therefore, beloved Saints, since you look for these things, --Be diligent to be found by God at any time --in Peace/trusting God completely, Spotless/not sinning and Blameless/--having a clear conscience.

15 And regard the patience of our Lord as salvation; just as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you,

16 as also in all his letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.

17 You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on Your Guard so that you are Not carried away by the Error of unprincipled men and women, and then fall from your own steadfastness,

18 but Grow in the Grace and Knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ --To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

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