

Scripture says in vain, “The Spirit who lives in us yearns jealously”? ^{4:6}But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”ⁱ ^{4:7}Be subject therefore to God. But resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{4:8}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ^{4:9}Lament, mourn, and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to gloom. ^{4:10}Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he will exalt you.

^{4:11}Don’t speak against one another, brothers. He who speaks against a brother and judges his brother, speaks against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law, but a judge. ^{4:12}Only one is the lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge another?

^{4:13}Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow let’s go into this city, and spend a year there, trade, and make a profit.” ^{4:14}Whereas you don’t know what your life will be like tomorrow. For what is your life? For you are a vapor, that appears for a little time, and then vanishes away. ^{4:15}For you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will both live, and do this or that.” ^{4:16}But now you glory in your boasting. All such boasting is evil. ^{4:17}To him therefore who knows to do good, and doesn’t do it, to him it is sin.

^{5:1}Come now, you rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming on you. ^{5:2}Your riches are corrupted and your garments are moth-eaten. ^{5:3}Your gold and your silver are corroded, and their corrosion will be for a testimony against you, and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up your treasure in the last days. ^{5:4}Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you have kept back by fraud, cry out, and the cries of those who reaped have entered into the ears of the Lord of Armies.^j ^{5:5}You have lived delicately on the earth, and taken your pleasure. You have nourished your hearts as in a day of slaughter. ^{5:6}You have condemned, you have murdered the righteous one. He doesn’t resist you.

^{5:7}Be patient therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer waits

for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient over it, until it receives the early and late rain. ^{5:8}You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

^{5:9}Don’t grumble, brothers, against one another, so that you won’t be judged. Behold, the judge stands at the door. ^{5:10}Take, brothers, for an example of suffering and of patience, the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ^{5:11}Behold, we call them blessed who endured. You have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the Lord in the outcome, and how the Lord is full of compassion and mercy. ^{5:12}But above all things, my brothers, don’t swear, neither by heaven, nor by the earth, nor by any other oath; but let your “yes” be “yes,” and your “no,” “no,” so that you don’t fall into hypocrisy.^k

^{5:13}Is any among you suffering? Let him pray. Is any cheerful? Let him sing praises.

^{5:14}Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the assembly, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord, ^{5:15}and the prayer of faith will heal him who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

^{5:16}Confess your offenses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The insistent prayer of a righteous person is powerfully effective. ^{5:17}Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain, and it didn’t rain on the earth for three years and six months. ^{5:18}He prayed again, and the sky gave rain, and the earth brought forth its fruit.

^{5:19}Brothers, if any among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, ^{5:20}let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death, and will cover a multitude of sins.

Peter’s First Letter

^{1:1}Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the chosen ones who are living as foreigners in the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, ^{1:2}according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, that you may obey Jesus Christ

ⁱ4:6 Proverbs 3:34

^j5:4 Greek: Sabaoth (for Hebrew: Tze’va’ot)

^k5:12 TR reads “under judgment” instead of “into hypocrisy”

and be sprinkled with his blood: Grace to you and peace be multiplied. ^{1:3}Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy became our father again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ^{1:4}to an incorruptible and undefiled inheritance that doesn't fade away, reserved in Heaven for you, ^{1:5}who by the power of God are guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ^{1:6}Wherein you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been put to grief in various trials, ^{1:7}that the proof of your faith, which is more precious than gold that perishes even though it is tested by fire, may be found to result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ—^{1:8}whom not having known you love; in whom, though now you don't see him, yet believing, you rejoice greatly with joy unspeakable and full of glory—^{1:9}receiving the result of your faith, the salvation of your souls. ^{1:10}Concerning this salvation, the prophets sought and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, ^{1:11}searching for who or what kind of time the Spirit of Christ, which was in them, pointed to, when he predicted the sufferings of Christ, and the glories that would follow them. ^{1:12}To them it was revealed, that not to themselves, but to you, they ministered these things, which now have been announced to you through those who preached the Good News to you by the Holy Spirit sent out from heaven; which things angels desire to look into.

^{1:13}Therefore, prepare your minds for action,^a be sober and set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ—^{1:14}as children of obedience, not conforming yourselves according to your former lusts as in your ignorance, ^{1:15}but just as he who called you is holy, you yourselves also be holy in all of your behavior; ^{1:16}because it is written, "You shall be holy; for I am holy."^b ^{1:17}If you call on him as Father, who without respect of persons judges according to each man's work, pass the time of your living

as foreigners here in reverent fear: ^{1:18}knowing that you were redeemed, not with corruptible things, with silver or gold, from the useless way of life handed down from your fathers, ^{1:19}but with precious blood, as of a faultless and pure lamb, the blood of Christ; ^{1:20}who was foreknown indeed before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of times for your sake, ^{1:21}who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead, and gave him glory; so that your faith and hope might be in God.

^{1:22}Seeing you have purified your souls in your obedience to the truth through the Spirit in sincere brotherly affection, love one another from the heart fervently: ^{1:23}having been born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, through the word of God, which lives and remains forever. ^{1:24}For,

"All flesh is like grass,
and all of man's glory like the flower in
the grass.

The grass withers, and its flower falls;

^{1:25}but the Lord's word endures forever."^c

This is the word of Good News which was preached to you.

^{2:1}Putting away therefore all wickedness, all deceit, hypocrisies, envies, and all evil speaking, ^{2:2}as newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the Word, that you may grow thereby, ^{2:3}if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious: ^{2:4}coming to him, a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God, precious. ^{2:5}You also, as living stones, are built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ^{2:6}Because it is contained in Scripture,

"Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone,
chosen, and precious:

He who believes in him will not be
disappointed."^d

^{2:7}For you who believe therefore is the honor, but for those who are disobedient,

"The stone which the builders rejected,
has become the chief cornerstone,"^e

^a1:13 literally, "gird up the waist of your mind" or "put on the belt of the waist of your mind"

^b1:16 Leviticus 11:44-45

^c1:25 Isaiah 40:6-8

^d2:6 Isaiah 28:16

^e2:7 Psalm 118:22

^{2:8} and,
 “a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.”^f

For they stumble at the word, being disobedient, to which also they were appointed. ^{2:9}But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God’s own possession, that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light: ^{2:10}who in time past were no people, but now are God’s people, who had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. ^{2:11}Beloved, I beg you as foreigners and pilgrims, to abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; ^{2:12}having good behavior among the nations, so in that of which they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they see, glorify God in the day of visitation. ^{2:13}Therefore subject yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake: whether to the king, as supreme; ^{2:14}or to governors, as sent by him for vengeance on evildoers and for praise to those who do well. ^{2:15}For this is the will of God, that by well-doing you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: ^{2:16}as free, and not using your freedom for a cloak of wickedness, but as bondservants of God.

^{2:17}Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king. ^{2:18}Servants, be in subjection to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the wicked. ^{2:19}For it is commendable if someone endures pain, suffering unjustly, because of conscience toward God. ^{2:20}For what glory is it if, when you sin, you patiently endure beating? But if, when you do well, you patiently endure suffering, this is commendable with God. ^{2:21}For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving you^g an example, that you should follow his steps, ^{2:22}who did not sin, “neither was deceit found in his mouth.”^h ^{2:23}Who, when he was cursed, didn’t curse back. When he suffered, didn’t threaten, but committed himself to him who judges righteously; ^{2:24}who his own self bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we,

having died to sins, might live to righteousness; by whose stripes you were healed. ^{2:25}For you were going astray like sheep; but now have returned to the Shepherd and Overseerⁱ of your souls.

^{3:1}In the same way, wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; so that, even if any don’t obey the Word, they may be won by the behavior of their wives without a word; ^{3:2}seeing your pure behavior in fear. ^{3:3}Let your beauty be not just the outward adorning of braiding the hair, and of wearing jewels of gold, or of putting on fine clothing; ^{3:4}but in the hidden person of the heart, in the incorruptible adornment of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God very precious. ^{3:5}For this is how the holy women before, who hoped in God also adorned themselves, being in subjection to their own husbands: ^{3:6}as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose children you now are, if you do well, and are not put in fear by any terror.

^{3:7}You husbands, in the same way, live with your wives according to knowledge, giving honor to the woman, as to the weaker vessel, as being also joint heirs of the grace of life; that your prayers may not be hindered.

^{3:8}Finally, be all like-minded, compassionate, loving as brothers, tenderhearted, courteous, ^{3:9}not rendering evil for evil, or insult for insult; but instead blessing; knowing that to this were you called, that you may inherit a blessing. ^{3:10}For,

“He who would love life,
 and see good days,
 let him keep his tongue from evil,
 and his lips from speaking deceit.

^{3:11}Let him turn away from evil, and do good.

Let him seek peace, and pursue it.

^{3:12}For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,

and his ears open to their prayer;

but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”^j

^{3:13}Now who is he who will harm you, if you become imitators of that which is good? ^{3:14}But

^f2:8 Isaiah 8:14

^g2:21 TR reads “us” instead of “you”

^h2:22 Isaiah 53:9

ⁱ2:25 “Overseer” is from the Greek episkopon, which can mean overseer, curator, guardian, or superintendent.

^j3:12 Psalm 34:12-16

even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed. "Don't fear what they fear, neither be troubled."^k 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts; and always be ready to give an answer to everyone who asks you a reason concerning the hope that is in you, with humility and fear: 3:16 having a good conscience; that, while you are spoken against as evildoers, they may be disappointed who curse your good way of life in Christ. 3:17 For it is better, if it is God's will, that you suffer for doing well than for doing evil. 3:18 Because Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring you to God; being put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit; 3:19 in which he also went and preached to the spirits in prison, 3:20 who before were disobedient, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, while the ship was being built. In it, few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. 3:21 This is a symbol of baptism, which now saves you—not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 3:22 who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, angels and authorities and powers being made subject to him.

4:1 Forasmuch then as Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind; for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin; 4:2 that you no longer should live the rest of your time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. 4:3 For we have spent enough of our past time doing the desire of the Gentiles, and having walked in lewdness, lusts, drunken binges, orgies, carousings, and abominable idolatries. 4:4 They think it is strange that you don't run with them into the same excess of riot, blaspheming; 4:5 who will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. 4:6 For to this end the Good News was preached even to the dead, that they might be judged indeed as men in the flesh, but live as to God in the spirit. 4:7 But the end of all things is near. Therefore be of sound mind, self-controlled, and sober in prayer. 4:8 And above all things be earnest in your love among yourselves, for

^k3:14 Isaiah 8:12

^l4:18 Proverbs 11:31

^m5:5 Proverbs 3:34

love covers a multitude of sins. 4:9 Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. 4:10 As each has received a gift, employ it in serving one another, as good managers of the grace of God in its various forms. 4:11 If anyone speaks, let it be as it were the very words of God. If anyone serves, let it be as of the strength which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

4:12 Beloved, don't be astonished at the fiery trial which has come upon you, to test you, as though a strange thing happened to you. 4:13 But because you are partakers of Christ's sufferings, rejoice; that at the revelation of his glory you also may rejoice with exceeding joy. 4:14 If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed; because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. On their part he is blasphemed, but on your part he is glorified. 4:15 For let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evil doer, or a meddler in other men's matters. 4:16 But if one of you suffers for being a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God in this matter. 4:17 For the time has come for judgment to begin with the household of God. If it begins first with us, what will happen to those who don't obey the Good News of God? 4:18 "If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will happen to the ungodly and the sinner?"ⁿ 4:19 Therefore let them also who suffer according to the will of God in doing good entrust their souls to him, as to a faithful Creator.

5:1 I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and who will also share in the glory that will be revealed. 5:2 Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion, but voluntarily, not for dishonest gain, but willingly; 5:3 neither as lording it over those entrusted to you, but making yourselves examples to the flock. 5:4 When the chief Shepherd is revealed, you will receive the crown of glory that doesn't fade away.

5:5 Likewise, you younger ones, be subject to the elder. Yes, all of you clothe yourselves with humility, to subject yourselves to one another; for "God resists the proud, but gives

grace to the humble.^m ^{5:6}Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time; ^{5:7}casting all your worries on him, because he cares for you.

^{5:8}Be sober and self-controlled. Be watchful. Your adversary, the devil, walks around like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. ^{5:9}Withstand him steadfast in your faith, knowing that your brothers who are in the world are undergoing the same sufferings. ^{5:10}But may the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a little while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. ^{5:11}To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

^{5:12}Through Silvanus, our faithful brother, as I consider him, I have written to you briefly, exhorting, and testifying that this is the true grace of God in which you stand. ^{5:13}She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, greets you; and so does Mark, my son. ^{5:14}Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace be to you all who are in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Peter's Second Letter

^{1:1}Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have obtained a like precious faith with us in the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ: ^{1:2}Grace to you and peace be multiplied in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, ^{1:3}seeing that his divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and virtue; ^{1:4}by which he has granted to us his precious and exceedingly great promises; that through these you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world by lust. ^{1:5}Yes, and for this very cause adding on your part all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence; and in moral excellence, knowledge; ^{1:6}and in knowledge, self-control; and in self-control patience; and in patience godliness; ^{1:7}and in godliness brotherly affection; and in

^a1:10 The word for "brothers" here and where context allows may also be correctly translated "brothers and sisters" or "siblings."

^b1:17 Matthew 17:5; Mark 9:7; Luke 9:35

^c2:2 TR reads "destructive" instead of "immoral"

brotherly affection, love. ^{1:8}For if these things are yours and abound, they make you to be not idle nor unfruitful to the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ^{1:9}For he who lacks these things is blind, seeing only what is near, having forgotten the cleansing from his old sins. ^{1:10}Therefore, brothers,^a be more diligent to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never stumble. ^{1:11}For thus you will be richly supplied with the entrance into the eternal Kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

^{1:12}Therefore I will not be negligent to remind you of these things, though you know them, and are established in the present truth. ^{1:13}I think it right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you; ^{1:14}knowing that the putting off of my tent comes swiftly, even as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. ^{1:15}Yes, I will make every effort that you may always be able to remember these things even after my departure. ^{1:16}For we did not follow cunningly devised fables, when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ^{1:17}For he received from God the Father honor and glory, when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."^b

^{1:18}We heard this voice come out of heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain.

^{1:19}We have the more sure word of prophecy; and you do well that you heed it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns, and the morning star arises in your hearts: ^{1:20}knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of private interpretation. ^{1:21}For no prophecy ever came by the will of man: but holy men of God spoke, being moved by the Holy Spirit.

^{2:1}But false prophets also arose among the people, as false teachers will also be among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, denying even the Master who bought them, bringing on themselves swift destruction. ^{2:2}Many will follow their immoral^c ways, and as a result, the way of the truth will be maligned. ^{2:3}In covetousness they will exploit