

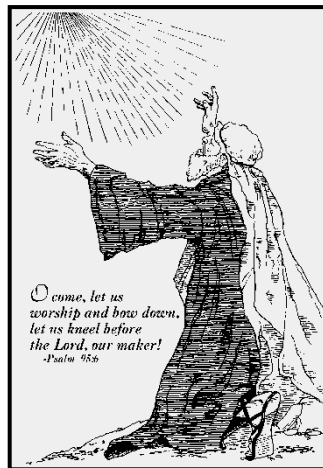
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# *The Epistles of Peter Supplementary Lecturers' Notes & Course Reader*



# *Supplementary Lecturers' Notes*

## INTRODUCTION TO HEBREWS

**Historical Position – Heb 2:3**, “how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was **confirmed to us** by those who heard him”

**Qualifications: Php 3:4-6**, “though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless”

**Hebrews 13: Heb 13:23-24**, “I want you to know that our brother Timothy has been released. If he arrives soon, I will come with him to see you. Greet all your leaders and all God's people. Those from Italy send you their greetings”

## OTHER SUGGESTED AUTHORS

**BARNABUS - Act 4:36**, “Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means Son of Encouragement)”

**APOLLOS - Act 18:24**, “Meanwhile a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was a learned man, with a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures”

**PRISCILLA AND AQUILLA - Heb 13:18**, “Pray for us. We are sure that we have a clear conscience and desire to live honorably in every way”

**DATE Heb 2:3**, “how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him”;

**5:12**, “In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food”;

**10:32**; “Remember those earlier days after you had received the light, when you stood your ground in a great contest in the face of suffering”;

**13:7**, “Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith”;

**8:4**, “If he were on earth, he would not be a priest, for there are already men who offer the gifts prescribed by the law”;

**9:9**, “This is an illustration for the present time, indicating that the gifts and sacrifices being offered were not able to clear the conscience of the worshiper”;

**10:1**, “The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming--not the realities themselves. For this reason it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship”;

**12:4**, “In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood”

**PLACE Heb 13:24**, “Greet all your leaders and all God's people. Those from Italy send you their greetings”;

**Heb 13:23**, “I want you to know that our brother Timothy has been released. If he arrives soon, I will come with him to see you.

## RECIPIENTS

**definite history Heb 10:32-34**, “Brothers, I urge you to bear with my word of exhortation, for I have written you only a short letter. I want you to know that our brother Timothy has been released. If he arrives soon, I will come with him to see you. Greet all your leaders and all God's people. Those from Italy send you their greetings.

**links Heb 13:18**, “Pray for us. We are sure that we have a clear conscience and desire to live honorably in every way”

**community - Heb 5:12**, “In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food!”

**13:17**, “Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you”

**10:25**, “Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

**OCCASION Heb 10:25**, “Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

## CHARACTERISTICS

**Salutation – Heb 13:18-25**, “Pray for us. We are sure that we have a clear conscience and desire to live honorably in every way. I particularly urge you to pray so that I may be restored to you soon. May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. Brothers, I urge you to bear with my word of exhortation, for I have written you only a short letter. I want you to know that our brother Timothy has been released. If he arrives soon, I will come with him to see you. Greet all your leaders and all God's people. Those from Italy send you their greetings. Grace be with you all.

## THE CATHOLIC EPISTLES

**DEFINITION - 2 Jn 1:1**, “The elder, To the chosen lady and her children, whom I love in the truth--and not I only, but also all who know the truth”

**3 Jn 1:1**, “The elder, To my dear friend Gaius, whom I love in the truth.

## INTRODUCTION TO JAMES

*Son of Zebedee* Mk 1:19; "When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets"

**Mk 3:17**, "James son of Zebedee and his brother John (to them he gave the name Boanerges, which means Sons of Thunder);

**Act 12:2**, "He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword.

*Son of Alphaeus* Mk 3:18, "Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot"

**Mk 15:40**, "Some women were watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome.

**Mk 16:1**, "When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body.

*Father of Jude* Lu 6:16, "Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

**Act 1:13**, "When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.

**INTERNAL 1 Co 15:7**, "Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles,

**Act 12:17**, "Peter motioned with his hand for them to be quiet and described how the Lord had brought him out of prison. "Tell James and the brothers about this," he said, and then he left for another place.

**Act 21:18**, "The next day Paul and the rest of us went to see James, and all the elders were present.

**Gal 1:19**, "I saw none of the other apostles--only James, the Lord's brother.

**the Just - Act 12:7**, "Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. "Quick, get up!" he said, and the chains fell off Peter's wrists.

**Act 15:13**, "When they finished, James spoke up: "Brothers, listen to me.

**Act 21:18**, "The next day Paul and the rest of us went to see James, and all the elders were present.

**1 Co 15:7**, "Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles,

**Gal 2:12**, "Before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group.

**Language - Jas 2:7**, "Are they not the ones who are slandering the noble name of him to whom you belong?

**Act 15:17**, "that the remnant of men may seek the Lord, and all the Gentiles who bear my name, says the Lord, who does these things'

**Semitic - Jas 1:11**, "For the sun rises with scorching heat and withers the plant; its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed. In the same way, the rich man will fade away even while he goes about his business.

**Jas 2:8**, "If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right.

**Jas 2:11**, "For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker.

**Jas 2:23**, "And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called God's friend.

**Jas 4:6**, "But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

**Jas 1:10**, "But the one who is rich should take pride in his low position, because he will pass away like a wild flower.

**Jas 2:21**, "Was not our ancestor Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar?

**Jas 3:9**, "With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness.

## JAMES THE MAN

**Gal 1:19**, "I saw none of the other apostles--only James, the Lord's brother.

**Mt 13:55**, "Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother's name Mary, and aren't his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas?"

**Mk 3:21**, "When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind."

**Jn 7:5**, "For even his own brothers did not believe in him.

**1 Co 15:7**, "Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles,

**Act 1:14**, "They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

**Act 15:13**, "When they finished, James spoke up: "Brothers, listen to me.

**Act 12:17**, "Peter motioned with his hand for them to be quiet and described how the Lord had brought him out of prison. "Tell James and the brothers about this," he said, and then he left for another place.

**Act 21:18**, "The next day Paul and the rest of us went to see James, and all the elders were present.

**Jude 1:1**, "Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and a brother of James, To those who have been called, who are loved by God the Father and kept by Jesus Christ:

**Gal 2:9**, "James, Peter and John, those reputed to be pillars, gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship when they recognized the grace given to me. They agreed that we should go to the Gentiles, and they to the Jews.

**Act 12:17**, "Peter motioned with his hand for them to be quiet and described how the Lord had brought him out of prison. "Tell James and the brothers about this," he said, and then he left for another place.

**Jas 1:1**, "James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations: Greetings.

**1 Co 9:5**, "Don't we have the right to take a believing wife along with us, as do the other apostles and the Lord's brothers and Cephas ?

**Gal 2:9**, "James, Peter and John, those reputed to be pillars, gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship when they recognized the grace given to me. They agreed that we should go to the Gentiles, and they to the Jews.

**Jas 2:2**, "Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in shabby clothes also comes in.

**Jas 3:1**, "Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.

**Jas 5:1-9**, "Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming upon you. Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. Look! The wages you failed to pay the workmen who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. You have condemned and murdered innocent men, who were not opposing you. Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. Don't grumble against each other, brothers, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

**Jas 5:14**, "Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord.

**PLACE Jas 5:4**, "Look! The wages you failed to pay the workmen who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty.

**PURPOSE Jas 1:2, 12**, "

## INTRODUCTION TO JUDE

### AUTHORSHIP

**Jude - Rom 2:29**, “No, a man is a Jew if he is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code. Such a man's praise is not from men, but from God”

**Act 15:13**, “When they finished, James spoke up, ‘Brothers, listen to me’”

**Gal 1:9**, “As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let him be eternally condemned!”

**Lu 6:16**, “Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor”

**Mt 13:55**, “Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother's name Mary, and aren't his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas?”

**Jn 7:3-4**, “Jesus' brothers said to him, ‘You ought to leave here and go to Judea, so that your disciples may see the miracles you do. No one who wants to become a public figure acts in secret. Since you are doing these things, show yourself to the world’”

**Act 1:14**, “They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers”

**1 Co 9:5**, “Don't we have the right to take a believing wife along with us, as do the other apostles and the Lord's brothers and Cephas?”

### PURPOSE IN WRITING

**Paul - 2 Th 2:3**, “Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction”

**Peter - 2 Pe 2:1**, “But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them - bringing swift destruction on themselves”

### LINKS WITH 2 PETER

**Michael - 2 Pe 2:11**, “yet even angels, although they are stronger and more powerful, do not bring slanderous accusations against such beings in the presence of the Lord”

**Jude 1:8-10**, “In the very same way, these dreamers pollute their own bodies, reject authority and slander celestial beings. But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not dare to bring a slanderous accusation against him, but said, “The Lord rebuke you!” Yet these men speak abusively against whatever they do not understand; and what things they do understand by instinct, like unreasoning animals--these are the very things that destroy them”

### USE OF APOCRYPHAL BOOKS

**Paul - 1 Co 10:4**, “and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ”

**Act 17:28**, “For in him we live and move and have our being. As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring’”

**2 Ti 3:8**, “Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so also these men oppose the truth--men of depraved minds, who, as far as the faith is concerned, are rejected”

## INTRODUCTION TO FIRST PETER

**Phraseology - 1 Pe 1:20-21**, “He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

**Act 2:23**, “This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.

**1 Pe 4:5**, “But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead”

**Act 10:42**, “He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead.

**1 Pe 2:24**, “He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed”

**Act 5:30**, “The God of our fathers raised Jesus from the dead--whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree”

**1 Pe 1:17**, “Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear”

**Act 10:34**, “Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favouritism”

**Reminiscences - 1 Pe 2:23**, “When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly”

**3:18**, “For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit”

**4:1**, “Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because he who has suffered in his body is done with sin”

**5:1**, “To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and one who also will share in the glory to be revealed”

**Acquaintance with Paul - 2 Pe 3:15-16**, “Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him. He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction”

**Gal 1:18**, “Then after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with Peter and stayed with him fifteen days”

**2:1-21**, “Fourteen years later I went up again to Jerusalem, this time with Barnabas. I took Titus along also. I went in response to a revelation and set before them the gospel that I preach among the Gentiles. But I did this privately to those who seemed to be leaders, for fear that I was running or had run my race in vain. Yet not even Titus, who was with me, was compelled to be circumcised, even though he was a Greek. This matter arose because some false brothers had infiltrated our ranks to spy on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus and to make us slaves. We did not give in to them for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might remain with you. As for those who seemed to be important--whatever they were makes no difference to me; God does not judge by external appearance--those men added nothing to my message. On the contrary, they saw that I had been entrusted with the task of preaching the gospel to the Gentiles, just as Peter had been to the Jews. For God, who was at work in the ministry of Peter as an apostle to the Jews, was also at work in my ministry as an apostle to the Gentiles. James, Peter and John, those reputed to be pillars, gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship when they recognized the grace given to me. They agreed that we should go to the Gentiles, and they to the Jews. All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do. When Peter came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he was clearly in the wrong. Before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their

hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray. When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter in front of them all, "You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs? "We who are Jews by birth and not 'Gentile sinners' know that a man is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ.

**7 Writing Style** – Some object saying that Peter was only an ignorant fisherman (**Act 4:13**, "When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus"), but Peter did not do the actual writing which was done by Silas (**1 Pe 5:12**, "With the help of Silas, whom I regard as a faithful brother, I have written to you briefly, encouraging you and testifying that this is the true grace of God") who may have used a degree of editorial liberty.

## DATE AND PLACE OF WRITING

**Mark - 1 Pe 5:13**, "She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you her greetings, and so does my son Mark.

**Col 4:10**, "My fellow prisoner Aristarchus sends you his greetings, as does Mark, the cousin of Barnabas. (You have received instructions about him; if he comes to you, welcome him.)

**Babylon**, the ancient wicked city is a pointer to the later wicked city (**Isa 13:11**, "I will punish the world for its evil, the wicked for their sins. I will put an end to the arrogance of the haughty and will humble the pride of the ruthless"

**Rev 18:10**, "Terrified at her torment, they will stand far off and cry: "'Woe! Woe, O great city, O Babylon, city of power! In one hour your doom has come!'

They were similar in wealth, luxury and wickedness (Cf. **Rev 11:8**, "Their bodies will lie in the street of the great city, which is figuratively called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified"

**Rev 14:8**, "A second angel followed and said, "Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great, which made all the nations drink the maddening wine of her adulteries."

**Rev 17:8**, "The beast, which you saw, once was, now is not, and will come up out of the Abyss and go to his destruction. The inhabitants of the earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the creation of the world will be astonished when they see the beast, because he once was, now is not, and yet will come.

**Rev 18:2**, "With a mighty voice he shouted: "Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great! She has become a home for demons and a haunt for every evil spirit, a haunt for every unclean and detestable bird"). .

## RECIPIENTS

Peter wrote to Christians living north of the Taurus Mountains – an area Paul was forbidden to enter (**Act 16:6-8**, "Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas").

Paul, however, wrote to Christians living south (Timothy in Ephesus and Titus on Crete) – areas in which he had laboured.

**Gal 2:7**, "On the contrary, they saw that I had been entrusted with the task of preaching the gospel to the Gentiles, just as Peter had been to the Jews"

**Act 2:9**, "Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia"

**1 Co 9:5**, "Don't we have the right to take a believing wife along with us, as do the other apostles and the Lord's brothers and Cephas ?"

## FEATURES

**5 Spirits in prison 1 Pe 3:18-22**, “For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, through whom also he went and preached to the spirits in prison who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also--not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand--with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him”

**6 Satan**: Satan roars against the church from the OUTSIDE (**1 Pe 5:9**, “Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings”), but from the INSIDE he appears as an angel of light (**2 Co 11:14**, “And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light”). In both situation, Peter the Rock stands fast (**Mt 16:18**, “And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it”

**Lu 22:32**, “But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

**1 Pe 5:10**, “And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast”).

## SECOND PETER

**Paul 2 Pe 3:15**, “Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him.

**Gal 2:11-14**, “When Peter came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he was clearly in the wrong. Before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray. When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter in front of them all, “You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs?”

**2 Pe 3:4**, “They will say, “Where is this ‘coming’ he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.”

**2 Ti 4:6**, “For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure.

**2 Pe 1:14**, “because I know that I will soon put it aside, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me.

**1 Pe 5:13**, “She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you her greetings, and so does my son Mark.

## OUTLINE

**Jews - 2 Pe 3:1-2**, “Dear friends, this is now my second letter to you. I have written both of them as reminders to stimulate you to wholesome thinking. I want you to recall the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets and the command given by our Lord and Savior through your apostles.

**Anti-eschatological teaching - 2 Ti 3:1**, “But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days”

**Tit 1:10**, “For there are many rebellious people, mere talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision group”

**First Peter - Jn 16:1-2**, “All this I have told you so that you will not go astray. They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, a time is coming when anyone who kills you will think he is offering a service to God”

**2 Peter - 2 Co 11:12-15**, “And I will keep on doing what I am doing in order to cut the ground from under those who want an opportunity to be considered equal with us in the things they boast about. For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, masquerading as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve”

## 1 PETER 1:1-12

### EXEGETICAL NOTES

**Verse 1, “God's elect” - Jn 14:6**, “Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

**Rom 8:28-29**, “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers”

**Eph 1:11**, “In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will,

**2 Th 2:13**, “But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth.

**2 Ti 1:9**, “who has saved us and called us to a holy life--not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time”

**Deut 4:37**, “Because he loved your forefathers and chose their descendants after them, he brought you out of Egypt by his Presence and his great strength”

**Deut 7:6**, “For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession.

**Verse 2, “obedience to Jesus Christ” – Jn 5:40**, “yet you refuse to come to me to have life”

**Jn 6:37**, “All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away”

**Act 7:51**, “You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You are just like your fathers: You always resist the Holy Spirit!

**Act 10:43**, “All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

**Rom 1:28**, “Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done.

**“Grace”** - The ordinary Greek epistolary greeting was *chairein*, but Peter substitutes this with *charis* which signifies God’s love in action in Jesus Christ on behalf of sinners.

**“peace”** – The ordinary Hebrew Greeting is *shalom* which, in the Bible, is God’s gift and often as the equivalent of *salvation*. We have His peace in the sense of salvation (peace with God, **Rom 5:1**, “Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ”) and also peace of mind (the peace of God, **Php 4:7**, “And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”).

**Verse 3, “the God and Father”** – As God, Jesus stands as Son to the Father, but as Man, Jesus stands as Man to His God (**Mt 27:46**, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”)

**“Jesus Christ”** – These words occur four times in the first three verses.

**“mercy”** – If Grace is getting something we don’t deserve (i.e., a gift), then mercy is not getting something that we do deserve (i.e., punishment).

**“new birth”** – **Jn 3:3-7**, “In reply Jesus declared, “I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.” “How can a man be born when he is old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb to be born!” Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’”

**“a living hope”** – **1 Pe 2:12**, “Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us”

**1 Pe 1:18-25**, “Slaves, submit yourselves to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh. For it is commendable if a man bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because he is conscious of God. But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.” When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls”

**“through the resurrection”** – The resurrection was the centre of the apostles’ preaching (**Act 1:22**, “beginning from John’s baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection.”

## 1 PETER 1:4-7

**Verse 4, “into an inheritance”** – **Num 27:7**, “What Zelophehad’s daughters are saying is right. You must certainly give them property as an inheritance among their father’s relatives and turn their father’s inheritance over to them.”

**Num 32:32**, “We will cross over before the LORD into Canaan armed, but the property we inherit will be on this side of the Jordan”

**Deut 10:9**, “That is why the Levites have no share or inheritance among their brothers; the LORD is their inheritance, as the LORD your God told them”

**Deut 18:2**, “They shall have no inheritance among their brothers; the LORD is their inheritance, as he promised them”

**Psa 16:5-6**, “LORD, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance”

**Eph 1:14**, “who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession--to the praise of his glory”

**1 Co 15:51-53**, “Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed - in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality”

**“never perish”** – One meaning of this word is used of an army laying waste a land, *to ravage*.

**“kept”** – Reserved in heaven for you., cf. **Col 3:1-3**, “Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God”

**Mt 6:19-21**, “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also”

**Verse 5, “shielded”** – 2 Co 11:32, “In Damascus the governor under King Aretas had the city of the Damascenes guarded in order to arrest me”

**Php 4:7**, “And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**The means - Jas 1:6-7**, “But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord”

**Mk 6:5**, “He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them.

**“salvation” - past - Tit 3:5**, “he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,

**2 present - 1 Co 1:18**, “For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

**3 future - Rom 8:23**, “Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies

**Rom 8:30**, “And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

**Verse 6 – Rom 5:3-4**, “Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.

**Jas 1:1-2**, “James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations: Greetings. Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds,

**Job 2:3**, “Then the LORD said to Satan, “Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil. And he still maintains his integrity, though you incited me against him to ruin him without any reason.”

**Php 1:29**, “ For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him,

**Jas 5:10-11**, “Brothers, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. As you know, we consider blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

**“though now for a little while”** – 2 Co 4:17, “ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

**Verse 7, “which perishes”** – Psa 66:12, “You let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us to a place of abundance.

**Job 23:10**, “But he knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold.

**Mal 3:13**, “You have said harsh things against me,” says the LORD. “Yet you ask, ‘What have we said against you?’

**Rev 3:18**, “I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

**Verse 8, “you do not see him”** - Jn 20:29, “Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

In his *Greek Grammar*, Nunn (1943) illustrates the difference "by the following (probably apocryphal) story. A certain bishop, renowned for his studies in the Greek tenses, is said to have been asked by a certain person whose zeal exceeded his discretion whether he was ‘*saved*’. The bishop is said to have replied, ‘It all depends whether you mean *sozomenos*, *sotheis*, or *sesosmenos*. I trust I am *sozomenos* (in a state of salvation), I know I am *sotheis* (saved once for all by the death of Christ), I hope to be *sesosmenos* (delivered from all danger of falling by being received into Heaven)” (p. 125).

## 1 PETER 1:01-12

**Verse 10, “prophets . . . searched intently” - 2 Pe 1:19-21**, “(2 Pet 1:19 NIV) And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

(2 Pet 1:20 NIV) Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation.

(2 Pet 1:21 NIV) For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

This passage is similar to **Eph 3:5**, “(Eph 3:5 NIV) which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets.

” – the exaltation of the Church with Christ was “not made known to the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy Apostles and prophets by the Spirit.” Peter sums up the remainder of Eph 3 in the words, “the sufferings of Christ and the glories that should follow”, which, in greater detail, comforted Paul in trial also (**Eph 3:13**, “(Eph 3:13 NIV) I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory.

**Verse 11, “trying to find out” – Dan 12:8; Isa 52:14-15; 9:6-7**. “(Isa 9:6 NIV) For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

(Isa 9:7 NIV) Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

(Isa 52:14 NIV) Just as there were many who were appalled at him -- his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man and his form marred beyond human likeness--

(Isa 52:15 NIV) so will he sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him. For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand.

(Dan 12:8 NIV) I heard, but I did not understand. So I asked, "My lord, what will the outcome of all this be?"

**“Spirit of Christ” - Jn 16:7; Lk 4:14, 18**, “(Luke 4:14 NIV) Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside.

(Luke 4:18 NIV) "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed,

(John 16:7 NIV) But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

**“the sufferings of Christ” – Jn 2:19; Act 3:17-21**, “(John 2:19 NIV) Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

(Acts 3:17 NIV) "Now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders.

(Acts 3:18 NIV) But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Christ would suffer.

(Acts 3:19 NIV) Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

(Acts 3:20 NIV) and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you--even Jesus.

(Acts 3:21 NIV) He must remain in heaven until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.

1 Christ must suffer - **Act 3:18; Isa 50:4-7; 53:3-9**, “(Isa 50:4 NIV) The Sovereign LORD has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught.

(Isa 50:5 NIV) The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears, and I have not been rebellious; I have not drawn back.

(Isa 50:6 NIV) I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting.

(Isa 50:7 NIV) Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame.

(Isa 53:3 NIV) He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

(Isa 53:4 NIV) Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.

(Isa 53:5 NIV) But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

(Isa 53:6 NIV) We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

(Isa 53:7 NIV) He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

(Isa 53:8 NIV) By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken.

(Isa 53:9 NIV) He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.

(Acts 3:18 NIV) But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Christ would suffer.

**Verse 12, “It was revealed to them” – Rom 15:4; 1 Co 10:11**, “(Rom 15:4 NIV) For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

(1 Cor 10:11 NIV) These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come.

**“Holy Spirit sent from heaven” - Act 2:33; Jn 14:16, 26**, “(John 14:16 NIV) And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever--

(John 14:26 NIV) But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

(Acts 2:33 NIV) Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.

**“Even angels” – Rom 8:19**, “(Rom 8:19 NIV) The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed.

**“long to look into” - Jn 20:5, 11**, “(John 20:5 NIV) He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in.

(John 20:11 NIV) but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb

## EXEGETICAL NOTES – 1 PETER 1:13-19

**Verse 14, “do not conform”** – Refusing this world’s attractions (**Rom 12:1-2**, “(Rom 12:1 NIV) Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship.

(Rom 12:2 NIV) Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.

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**Verse 18 - Silver - Ex 30:13**, “(Exo 30:13 NIV) Each one who crosses over to those already counted is to give a half shekel, according to the sanctuary shekel, which weighs twenty gerahs. This half shekel is an offering to the LORD.

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**Blood - Ex 13:13**, “(Exo 13:13 NIV) Redeem with a lamb every firstborn donkey, but if you do not redeem it, break its neck. Redeem every firstborn among your sons.

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**ransom - Ex 21:30; 13:13**, “(Exo 13:13 NIV) Redeem with a lamb every firstborn donkey, but if you do not redeem it, break its neck. Redeem every firstborn among your sons.

(Exo 21:30 NIV) However, if payment is demanded of him, he may redeem his life by paying whatever is demanded.

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**“curse of the law” - Gal 3:13**, “(Gal 3:13 NIV) Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree."

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**“all wickedness” - Tit 2:14**, “(Titus 2:14 NIV) who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

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**Christ's blood - Eph 1:7; 1 Pe 1:19; Rev 5:9**, “(Eph 1:7 NIV) In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace

(1 Pet 1:19 NIV) but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

(Rev 5:9 NIV) And they sang a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.

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**his death - Mt 20:28; Mk 10:45; Heb 9:15**, “(Mat 20:28 NIV) just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

(Mark 10:45 NIV) For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

(Heb 9:15 NIV) For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance--now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.

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**Christ himself - Gal 3:13**, “(Gal 3:13 NIV) Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree."

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**“forgiveness of sins” - Col 1:14**, “(Col 1:14 NIV) in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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**"justification" - Ro 3:24**, "(Rom 3:24 NIV) and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

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**pagan life - Rom 1:21; Eph 4:17**, "(Rom 1:21 NIV) For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

(Eph 4:17 NIV) So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking.

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**Verse 19, Passover lamb - 1 Co 5:7**, "(1 Cor 5:7 NIV) Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast--as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

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**Sin of the world - Jn 1:29**, "(John 1:29 NIV) The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

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**defect - Heb 9:14**, "(Heb 9:14 NIV) How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

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**Verse 20, Act 2:17; 1 Ti 4:1; 2 Ti 3:1; Heb 1:1; 1 Jn 2:18**, "(Acts 2:17 NIV) "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

(1 Tim 4:1 NIV) The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.

(2 Tim 3:1 NIV) But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days.

(Heb 1:1 NIV) In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways,

(1 John 2:18 NIV) Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come. This is how we know it is the last hour.

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**Verse 22, "love" – Jn 13:34-35; 1 Th 4:9-10**, "(John 13:34 NIV) "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

(John 13:35 NIV) By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

(1 Th 4:9 NIV) Now about brotherly love we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other.

(1 Th 4:10 NIV) And in fact, you do love all the brothers throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers, to do so more and more.

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**Verse 23, Holy Spirit - Tit 3:5**, "(Titus 3:5 NIV) he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,

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**Jas 1:18**, "(James 1:18 NIV) He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

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## 1 PETER 2:1

**Verse 2, Milk - (1 Cor 3:2 NIV) I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready.**

**(Heb 5:12 NIV) In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food!**

**(Heb 5:13 NIV) Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness.**

**(Heb 5:14 NIV) But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.**

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**Verse 3, “the Lord is good” – Psa 34:8,** “(Psa 34:8 NIV) Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.  
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**Verse 4, “living Stone” – Mt 21:42; Mk 12:10-11; Lk 20:17; Act 4:11; Rom 9:33,** “(Mat 21:42 NIV) Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: "The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone ; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes"?

(Mark 12:10 NIV) Haven't you read this scripture: "The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone ;

(Mark 12:11 NIV) the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes"?"

(Luke 20:17 NIV) Jesus looked directly at them and asked, "Then what is the meaning of that which is written: "The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone "?

(Acts 4:11 NIV) He is "'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone.'

(Rom 9:33 NIV) As it is written: "See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame."  
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**Jn 1:4; 5:26,** “(John 1:4 NIV) In him was life, and that life was the light of men.

(John 5:26 NIV) For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself.  
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**"living water" - Jn 4:10-14; 7:38,** “(John 4:10 NIV) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

(John 4:11 NIV) "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?

(John 4:12 NIV) Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?"

(John 4:13 NIV) Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again,

(John 4:14 NIV) but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

(John 7:38 NIV) Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him."

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"*living bread*" - **Jn 6:51**, "(John 6:51 NIV) I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

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"*living way*" - **Heb 10:20**, "(Heb 10:20 NIV) by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body,

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**"rejected - Act 2:22-36; 3:13-15; 4:10-11; 10:39**, "(Acts 2:22 NIV) "Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.

(Acts 2:23 NIV) This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.

(Acts 2:24 NIV) But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

(Acts 2:25 NIV) David said about him: "'I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

(Acts 2:26 NIV) Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will live in hope,

(Acts 2:27 NIV) because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

(Acts 2:28 NIV) You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.'

(Acts 2:29 NIV) "Brothers, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day.

(Acts 2:30 NIV) But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne.

(Acts 2:31 NIV) Seeing what was ahead, he spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his body see decay.

(Acts 2:32 NIV) God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact.

(Acts 2:33 NIV) Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.

(Acts 2:34 NIV) For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, "'The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand

(Acts 2:35 NIV) until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.'"

(Acts 2:36 NIV) "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

(Acts 3:13 NIV) The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go.

(Acts 3:14 NIV) You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you.

(Acts 3:15 NIV) You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this.

(Acts 4:10 NIV) then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed.

(Acts 4:11 NIV) He is "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone."

(Acts 10:39 NIV) "We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree,

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**Verse 5, “living stones” - 1 Co 15:45; Mt 16:18**, “(Mat 16:18 NIV) And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

(1 Cor 15:45 NIV) So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being" ; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit.

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**“spiritual house” - Act 2:33; Jn 2:19; 1 Co 3:16; Eph 2:19-22**, “(John 2:19 NIV) Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

(Acts 2:33 NIV) Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.

(1 Cor 3:16 NIV) Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?

(Eph 2:19 NIV) Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household,

(Eph 2:20 NIV) built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

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**Heb10:10**, “And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all”.

**“spiritual sacrifices” –bodies Rom 12:1**, “Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship”.

**money Php 4:18**, “I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God”;

**Heb 13:16**, “And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased”.

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**“I lay a stone in Zion” – Psa 118:22**, “The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone”;

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**Act 4:11**, "He is "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone".."

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**Isa 43:10**, "You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me";

**Isa 43:20**, "The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the desert and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen";

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### 1 PETER 2:9-15

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**Heb 7:17**, "For it is declared: "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek."

**"a holy nation" – 1 Pe 1:15-16**, "But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

**"people belonging to God" – Deut 4:20**, "But as for you, the LORD took you and brought you out of the iron-smelting furnace, out of Egypt, to be the people of his inheritance, as you now are";

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**Verse 3, “braided hair” – 1 Ti 2:9**, “I also want women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, **not with braided hair** or gold or pearls or expensive clothes”;

**Isa 3:18**, “In that day the Lord will snatch away their finery: the bangles **and headbands** and crescent necklaces”.

**“clothes” - Jas 5:1-5**, “Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming upon you. Your wealth has rotted, and moths have **eaten your clothes**. Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. Look! The wages you failed to pay the workmen who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter”.

**Isa 3:17-23**, “Therefore the Lord will bring sores on the heads of the women of Zion; the LORD will make their scalps bald. In that day the Lord will snatch away their finery: the bangles and headbands and crescent necklaces, the earrings and bracelets and veils, the headdresses and ankle chains and sashes, the perfume bottles and charms, the signet rings and nose rings, the fine robes and the capes and cloaks, the purses and mirrors, and the linen garments and tiaras and shawls”.

**Verse 4, “your inner self” – Rom 7:22**, “**in my inner being** I delight in God's law”

**Eph 3:16**, “he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit *in your inner being*”.

**“the unfading beauty”** – **1 Pe 1:18**, “For you know that it *was not with perishable things* such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers”.

**“her daughters . . . fear”** - **Pr 3:25-27**, “*Have no fear* of sudden disaster or of the ruin that overtakes the wicked, for the LORD will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being snared. Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act”.

**“heirs with you of the gracious gift of life”** - **Gal 3:28**, “There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, **male nor female**, for you are all one in Christ Jesus”.

### 1 PETER 3:8-13

**Verse 8, “love as brothers”** – **1 Th 4:9-10**, “now about brotherly love we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other. And in fact, you do love all the brothers throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers, to do so more and more”; **Heb 13:1**, “Keep on loving each other as brothers”.

**“and humble”** – **Php 2:5-8**, “Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross!”.

**Verse 9, “Do not repay evil with evil”** – **Rom 12:17**, “Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody”; **1 Th 5:15**, “make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else.

**Verse 12, “ears”** – **Isa 59:2**, “but your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.”

### 1 PETER 3:14-18

**Verse 14, “even if you should suffer”** - **Mt 5:10-12**, “Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

**“blessed”** – **Isa 8:13**, “The LORD Almighty is the one you are to regard as holy, he is the one you are to fear, he is the one you are to dread.”

**Verse 18, “Christ died for sins once for all”** – **Jn 19:30**, “When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit”; **Heb 9:28**, “

**“for sins”** – **Rom 8:3**, “For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man”).

**“the righteous for the unrighteous”** – **Php 2:5-11**, “Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

*“alive by the Spirit”* – **Act 2:32**, “God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact”; **Gal 1:1**, “Paul, an apostle--sent not from men nor by man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead”; **Eph 1:20**, “which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms”  
the Son - **Jn 10:17-18**, “The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life--only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

## 1 PETER 3:19-21

*Verse 19, “through whom”* – **Lu 23:46**, “Jesus called out with a loud voice, ‘Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.’ When he had said this, he breathed his last”; **Eph 4:9**, “What does, ‘he ascended’ mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions?”; **Act 2:31**, “Seeing what was ahead, he spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his body see decay.

1 *Tartartus* - **2 Pe 2:4**, “For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them into gloomy dungeons to be held for judgment”

2 *Abusson* - **Lu 8:31**, “And they begged him repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss”; **Rev 9:1**, “The fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth. The star was given the key to the shaft of the Abyss.

*“Spirits* - **Gen 6:1**, “When men began to increase in number on the earth and daughters were born to them”; **Heb 12:23**, “to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the judge of all men, to the spirits of righteous men made perfect,

2 **Gen 6:1-4**, “When men began to increase in number on the earth and daughters were born to them, the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose. Then the LORD said, “My Spirit will not contend with man forever, for he is mortal ; his days will be a hundred and twenty years.” The Nephilim were on the earth in those days--and also afterward--when the sons of God went to the daughters of men and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown”; **2 Pe 2:4**, “For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them into gloomy dungeons to be held for judgment”; **Jude 1:6**, “And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their own home--these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day”.

*“sons of God”* - **Job 1:6**, “One day the angels came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them”; **Job 2:1**, “On another day the angels came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them to present himself before him”.

3 **Isa 14:12-17**, “How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! You said in your heart, “I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.” But you are brought down to the grave, to the depths of the pit. Those who see you stare at you, they ponder your fate: “Is this the man who shook the earth and made kingdoms tremble, the man who made the world a desert, who overthrew its cities and would not let his captives go home?”: **Ezek 28:12-19**, “Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him: ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: “You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone adorned you: ruby, topaz and emerald, chrysolite, onyx and jasper, sapphire, turquoise and beryl. Your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared. You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones. You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you. Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, O guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones. Your heart became proud on account of your

beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings. By your many sins and dishonest trade you have desecrated your sanctuaries. So I made a fire come out from you, and it consumed you, and I reduced you to ashes on the ground in the sight of all who were watching. All the nations who knew you are appalled at you; you have come to a horrible end and will be no more."

**Verse 21, "water symbolizes baptism" - Rom 6:1-6**, "What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin".

**"saves you by the resurrection" – Heb 7:25**, "Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

### 1 PETER 4:1-6

**Verse 1, "arm yourselves" – Php 2:5-11**, "Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**3 Reckoning oneself to be dead. Rom 6:11**, "In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus"; **Rom 8:13**, "For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live".

**Verse 5, "him who is ready to judge" - Jn 5:27**, "And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man"; **Act 17:31**, "For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead."

**Verse 6, "preached even to those who are now dead" – Heb 9:27**, "Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment".

### 1 PETER 4:6-14

**Verse 6, "so that they might be" – Jn 5:24**, "

Act 2:22-24, 36; 3:13-15; 5:30-32; 7:51-53, "

**Verse 8, "love covers over a multitude of sins" – Pr 10:12; Jas 5:20; Mt 18:21-22; 1 Co 13:5; Eph 4:32**

**Verse 11, "very words" - Act 7:38; Rom 3:2**

**Verse 13, "rejoice" - Mt 16:21-23; Col 1:24**

## 1 PETER 4:15-5:1

*Verse 1, “fellow elder”* – Act 20:17; 1 Ti 3:1; 5:17,  
2 Jn 1:1; 3 Jn 1:1  
*“witness of Christ’s sufferings”* - Lu 24:28; Jn 15:27; Act 1:8  
Mt 26:58; Mk 14:54; Lk 22:60-62; Jn 18:10-11, 15-16  
*“share in the glory to be revealed”* - Jn 1:14; 2:11  
Mt 17:1-2; 2 Pe 1:16-17

## 1 PETER 5:2-4

*Verse 2, “Be shepherds”* – Act 20:17-38  
*“shepherds”* - Eph 4:11  
Jn 10:1-18; Lk 15:3-7  
Jn 21:15-17; 1 Pe 2:25  
Eze 34:1-10  
*Verse 3, “not lording it over”* - Mt 16:24-27; Mk 10:42-45; Php 2:6-11; 2 Th 3:9  
Act 1:17; 1:16

## 1 PETER 5:5-7

*Verse 5, “clothe yourselves with humility”* = Jn 13:3-4; Jn 13:7  
*“humble”* – Mt 11:29, “

## 1 PETER 5:8-14

*Verse 8, “alert”* - Mt 26:36-46, “  
*“the devil”* - Jn 8:44; 2 Co 11:14  
Jas 4:7; Eph. 6:11  
*Verse 10, “the God of all grace”* - Rom 8:18; 2 Co 4:17  
*Verse 13, “chosen”* - Eph 1:4  
*“my son Mark”* - 1 Ti 1:2  
*Verse 14, “a kiss of love”* – 1 Co 16:20

## 1 PETER 3:8-13

*Verse 8 “love as brothers”* – 1 Th 4:9-10; Heb 13:1, “”.

*“and humble”* – Php 2:5-8, “”.

*Verse 9, “Do not repay evil with evil”* – Rom 12:17; 1 Th 5:15, “”.

*Verse 10, “For”* – Psa 34:12-16 (LXX):

v12, “What man is there that desires life, loving to see good days?

v13, “keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking guile.

v14, “Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

v15, “The eyes of the LORD are over the righteous and his ears are open to their prayer;

v16, “but the face of the LORD is against them that do evil, to destroy their memorial from the earth”.

*Verse 12, “ears”* – Isa 59:2, “”.

## 1 PETER 3:14-18

*Verse 14, “even if you should suffer” - Mt 5:10-12, “”.*

*“Do not fear what they fear” – Isa 8:13, “”.*

*Verse 15*

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*Verse 18, “Christ died for sins once for all” – Jn 19:30, “”.*

*“for sins” – Rom 8:3, “”.*

*“the righteous for the unrighteous” – Php 2:5-11, “”.*

*“alive by the Spirit” – Act 2:32; Gal 1:1; Eph 1:20; Jn 10:17-18, “”.*

## 1 PETER 3:19-21

*Verse 19, “he went” – Lu 23:46; Eph 4:9; Act 2:31, “”.*

*“preached” – Tartartus - 2 Pe 2:4, “”.*

*Abusson - Lu 8:31; Rev 9:1, “”.*

*“Spirits” - Heb 12:23, “”.*

*2 Gen 6:1-4; 2 Pe 2:4; Jude 1:6, “”.*

*Job 1:6; 2:1, “”.*

*3 Isa 14:12-17; Ez 28:12-19, “”.*

*Verse 20, “God waited patiently” – Gen 6:3, “My Spirit will not contend (strive, KJV) with man forever”*

*Verse 21, “water symbolizes baptism” - Rom 6:1-6, “”.*

*“saves you by the resurrection” – Heb 7:25, “”.*

## 1 PETER 4:1-6

*Verse 1, “arm yourselves” –Php 2:5-11, “”.*

*Reckoning oneself to be dead - Rom 6:11; Rom 8:13, “”.*

*“is done with sin” - Ro 6:1-14, “”.*

*Verse 5, “him who is ready to judge” - Jn 5:27; Act 17:31, “”.*

*Verse 6, ““preached even to those who are now dead” – Heb 9:27, “”.*

## 1 PETER 4:6-14

**“so that they might be judged according to men in regard to the body”** – **Jn 5:24**, "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life"; **Act 2:22-24**, "Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him"; **Act 13:13-15**, "The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this"; **Act 5:30-32**, "The God of our fathers raised Jesus from the dead--whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel. We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him"; **Act 7:51-53**, "You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You are just like your fathers: You always resist the Holy Spirit! Was there ever a prophet your fathers did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him - you who have received the law that was put into effect through angels but have not obeyed it."

**“Therefore”** – **2 Pe 3:11-14**, "Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness. So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him".

**Verse 8, “love each other deeply”** – **Pr 10:12**, "Hatred stirs up dissension, but love covers over all wrongs"; **Jas 5:20**, "remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save him from death and cover over a multitude of sins"; **Mt 18:21-22**, "Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times"; **1 Co 13:5**, "It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs"; **Eph 4:32**, "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

**Verse 11, “very words”** - **Act 7:38**, "He was in the assembly in the desert, with the angel who spoke to him on Mount Sinai, and with our fathers; and he received living words to pass on to us"; **Rom 3:2**, "Much in every way! First of all, they have been entrusted with the very words of God".

**Verse 13, “rejoice”** - **Mt 16:21-23**, "From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men"; **Col 1:24**, "Now I rejoice in what was suffered for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church".

## 1 PETER 4:15-5:1

**Verse 1, "fellow elder"** – **Act 20:17**, "From Miletus, Paul sent to Ephesus for the elders of the church"; **1 Ti 3:1**, "Here is a trustworthy saying: If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task"; **1 Ti 5:17**, "The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching".

**2 Jn 1:1**, "The elder, To the chosen lady and her children, whom I love in the truth--and not I only, but also all who know the truth"; **3 Jn 1:1**, "The elder, To my dear friend Gaius, whom I love in the truth.

**"witness of Christ's sufferings"** **Lu 24:28**, "As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther"; **Jn 15:27**, "And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning"; **Act 1:8**, "(Acts 1:8 NIV) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

**Mt 26:58**; "But Peter followed him at a distance, right up to the courtyard of the high priest. He entered and sat down with the guards to see the outcome"; **Mk 14:54**, "Peter followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. There he sat with the guards and warmed himself at the fire"; **Lk 22:60-62**, "Peter replied, "Man, I don't know what you're talking about!" Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times." And he went outside and wept bitterly"; **Jn 18:10-11**, "Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) Jesus commanded Peter, "Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?"; **Jn 18:15-16**, "Simon Peter and another disciple were following Jesus. Because this disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the high priest's courtyard, But Peter had to wait outside at the door. The other disciple, who was known to the high priest, came back, spoke to the girl on duty there and brought Peter in".

**"share in the glory to be revealed"** - **Jn 1:14**, "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth"; **Jn 2:11**, "This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.

**Mt 17:1-2**, "After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light"; **2 Pe 1:16-17**, "We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

## 1 PETER 5:2-4

**Verse 2, "Be shepherds" – Act 20:17-38**, "From Miletus, Paul sent to Ephesus for the elders of the church. When they arrived, he said to them: "You know how I lived the whole time I was with you, from the first day I came into the province of Asia. I served the Lord with great humility and with tears, although I was severely tested by the plots of the Jews. You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house. I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus. "And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me--the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace. "Now I know that none of you among whom I have gone about preaching the kingdom will ever see me again. Therefore, I declare to you today that I am innocent of the blood of all men. For I have not hesitated to proclaim to you the whole will of God. Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears. "Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I have not coveted anyone's silver or gold or clothing. You yourselves know that these hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions. In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" When he had said this, he knelt down with all of them and prayed. They all wept as they embraced him and kissed him. What grieved them most was his statement that they would never see his face again. Then they accompanied him to the ship.

**"shepherds" - Eph 4:11**, "It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers"; **Jn 10:1-18**; "I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep. The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." Jesus used this figure of speech, but they did not understand what he was telling them. Therefore Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me - just as the Father knows me and I know the Father--and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life--only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father"; **Lk 15:3-7**, "Then Jesus told them this parable: "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over

one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent"; **Jn 21:15-17**, "When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep"; **1 Pe 2:25**, "For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls"; **Eze 34:1-10**, "The word of the LORD came to me: "Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Woe to the shepherds of Israel who only take care of themselves! Should not shepherds take care of the flock? You eat the curds, clothe yourselves with the wool and slaughter the choice animals, but you do not take care of the flock. You have not strengthened the weak or healed the sick or bound up the injured. You have not brought back the strays or searched for the lost. You have ruled them harshly and brutally. So they were scattered because there was no shepherd, and when they were scattered they became food for all the wild animals. My sheep wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. They were scattered over the whole earth, and no one searched or looked for them. "'Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, because my flock lacks a shepherd and so has been plundered and has become food for all the wild animals, and because my shepherds did not search for my flock but cared for themselves rather than for my flock, therefore, O shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I am against the shepherds and will hold them accountable for my flock. I will remove them from tending the flock so that the shepherds can no longer feed themselves. I will rescue my flock from their mouths, and it will no longer be food for them".

### **1 PETER 5:3-7**

**Verse 3, "not lording it over Mt 16:24-27**, "Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done"; **Mk 10:42-45**, "Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."; **Php 2:6-11**, "Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father"; **2 Th 3:9**, "We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to make ourselves a model for you to follow.  
**"those entrusted to you" - Act 1:16-17**, "and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through the mouth of David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus - he was one of our number and shared in this ministry."

**Verse 5, "humble" – Mt 11:29**, " Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls".

## 1 PETER 5:8-14

**Verse 8, “alert” - Mt 26:36-46**, “Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.” Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.” Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?” he asked Peter. “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.” He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.” When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing. Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us go! Here comes my betrayer!”

**“Your enemy” - Zech 3:1**, “Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right side to accuse him”.

**“the devil” - Jn 8:44**, “You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”

**2 Co 11:14**, “And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light”.

**Jas 4:7**, “Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you”; **Eph 6:11**, “Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

**Verse 10, “the God of all grace” - Rom 8:18**, “I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us”; **2 Co 4:17**, “For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all”.

**Verse 13, “chosen” - Eph 1:4**, “For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love

**“my son Mark” - 1 Ti 1:2**, “To Timothy my true son in the faith: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord”

**Verse 14, “a kiss of love” - 1 Co 16:20**, “All the brothers here send you greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss”.

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*Verse 1, “God and Savior Jesus Christ” - Rom 9:5*, “Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of Christ, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen”.

*Verse 3, “His divine power” – Heb 1:3*, “The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven”; **Rom 1:20**, “For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities - his eternal power and divine nature-- have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse”.

**Rom 1:16**, “I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile”; **Rom 1:3-4**, “regarding his Son, who as to his human nature was a descendant of David, and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord”.

*Verse 4, “participate in the divine nature” - Jn 14:16-17*, “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever - the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you”.

## 2 PETER 1:8-19

*Verse 8, “keep you from being . . . unproductive in your knowledge” - Col 1:9-12*, “For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light”.

*Verse 10, “make your calling and election sure” - Mt 7:20*, “Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them”.

**Gal 5:6**, “For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love”; **Jas 2:18**, “But someone will say, “You have faith; I have deeds.” Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do”.

**1 Pe 1:2**, “who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance”; **Eph 1:3-6**, “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will - to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves”.

*Verse 11, “eternal kingdom” - Mt 25:46*, “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

**Verse 14, “Christ has made clear to me” - Jn 21:18-19**, “I tell you the truth, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.” Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, “Follow me!”

**Verse 16, “coming of our Lord Jesus Christ” - Mt 16:28**, “I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

**“eyewitnesses of his majesty” - Mt 17:1-8**, “After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters--one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.” When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus”

## 2 PETER 2:1-4

**Verse 1, “false teachers” - Mt 24:4-5**, “Jesus answered: “Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Christ, ’ and will deceive many”; **Act 20:29-30**, “I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them”; **Gal 1:6-9**, “I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel - which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned! As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let him be eternally condemned!”; **Php 3:2**, “Watch out for those dogs, those men who do evil, those mutilators of the flesh”; **Col 2:4**, “I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments”; **2 Th 2:1-3**, “Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers, not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by some prophecy, report or letter supposed to have come from us, saying that the day of the Lord has already come. Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction”; **1 Ti 1:3-7**, “As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain men not to teach false doctrines any longer nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. These promote controversies rather than God's work - which is by faith. The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. Some have wandered away from these and turned to meaningless talk. They want to be teachers of the law, but they do not know what they are talking about or what they so confidently affirm”; **2 Ti 3:1-8**, “But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God - having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them. They are the kind who worm their way into homes and gain control over weak-willed women, who are loaded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil desires, always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth. Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so also these men oppose the truth--men of

depraved minds, who, as far as the faith is concerned, are rejected”; **1 Jn 2:18-19**, “Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come. This is how we know it is the last hour. They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us”; **2 Jn 1:7-11**, “Many deceivers, who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh, have gone out into the world. Any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist. Watch out that you do not lose what you have worked for, but that you may be rewarded fully. Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not take him into your house or welcome him. Anyone who welcomes him shares in his wicked work”.

**“swift destruction” - Mt 24:50-51**, “The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth”; **2 Th 1:9**, “They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power”.

**Verse 4, “angels when they sinned” - Gen 6:2**, “the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose”.

**Nephilim - Gen 6:4**, “The Nephilim were on the earth in those days--and also afterward--when the sons of God went to the daughters of men and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown”.

## 2 PETER 2:4-17

**“judgment” - Rev 20:11-15**, “Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire”.

**Verse 5, “seven others” - 1 Pe 3:20**, “who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water”.

**Verse 7, “distressed” - Gen 19:4-9**, “Before they had gone to bed, all the men from every part of the city of Sodom - both young and old - surrounded the house. They called to Lot, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us so that we can have sex with them.” Lot went outside to meet them and shut the door behind him and said, “No, my friends. Don't do this wicked thing. Look, I have two daughters who have never slept with a man. Let me bring them out to you, and you can do what you like with them. But don't do anything to these men, for they have come under the protection of my roof.” “Get out of our way,” they replied. And they said, “This fellow came here as an alien, and now he wants to play the judge! We'll treat you worse than them.” They kept bringing pressure on Lot and moved forward to break down the door”

**Verse 10, “This” - Gen 19:5**, “They called to Lot, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us so that we can have sex with them”.

**“celestial beings” - Jude 1:8-10**, “In the very same way, these dreamers pollute their own bodies, reject authority and slander celestial beings. But even the archangel Michael, when he

was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not dare to bring a slanderous accusation against him, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!" Yet these men speak abusively against whatever they do not understand; and what things they do understand by instinct, like unreasoning animals--these are the very things that destroy them".

**Verse 11, "angels" – Jude 1:9**, "But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not dare to bring a slanderous accusation against him, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

**Verse 13, "broad daylight" - 1 Th 5:7**, "For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night".

**Verse 14, "seduce" – Jas 1:14**, "but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed".

**Verse 15, "Balaam" – Num 22:7-40**, "The elders of Moab and Midian left, taking with them the fee for divination. When they came to Balaam, they told him what Balak had said. "Spend the night here," Balaam said to them, "and I will bring you back the answer the LORD gives me." So the Moabite princes stayed with him. God came to Balaam and asked, "Who are these men with you?" Balaam said to God, "Balak son of Zippor, king of Moab, sent me this message: 'A people that has come out of Egypt covers the face of the land. Now come and put a curse on them for me. Perhaps then I will be able to fight them and drive them away.'" God said to Balaam, "Do not go with them. You must not put a curse on those people, because they are blessed." The next morning Balaam got up and said to Balak's princes, "Go back to your own country, for the LORD has refused to let me go with you." So the Moabite princes returned to Balak and said, "Balaam refused to come with us." Then Balak sent other princes, more numerous and more distinguished than the first. They came to Balaam and said: "This is what Balak son of Zippor says: Do not let anything keep you from coming to me, because I will reward you handsomely and do whatever you say. Come and put a curse on these people for me." But Balaam answered them, "Even if Balak gave me his palace filled with silver and gold, I could not do anything great or small to go beyond the command of the LORD my God. Now stay here tonight as the others did, and I will find out what else the LORD will tell me." That night God came to Balaam and said, "Since these men have come to summon you, go with them, but do only what I tell you." Balaam got up in the morning, saddled his donkey and went with the princes of Moab. But God was very angry when he went, and the angel of the LORD stood in the road to oppose him. Balaam was riding on his donkey, and his two servants were with him. When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD standing in the road with a drawn sword in his hand, she turned off the road into a field. Balaam beat her to get her back on the road. Then the angel of the LORD stood in a narrow path between two vineyards, with walls on both sides. When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD, she pressed close to the wall, crushing Balaam's foot against it. So he beat her again. Then the angel of the LORD moved on ahead and stood in a narrow place where there was no room to turn, either to the right or to the left. When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD, she lay down under Balaam, and he was angry and beat her with his staff. Then the LORD opened the donkey's mouth, and she said to Balaam, "What have I done to you to make you beat me these three times?" Balaam answered the donkey, "You have made a fool of me! If I had a sword in my hand, I would kill you right now." The donkey said to Balaam, "Am I not your own donkey, which you have always ridden, to this day? Have I been in the habit of doing this to you?" "No," he said. Then the LORD opened Balaam's eyes, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the road with his sword drawn. So he bowed low and fell facedown.

(Num 22:32 NIV) The angel of the LORD asked him, "Why have you beaten your donkey these three times? I have come here to oppose you because your path is a reckless one before me.

(Num 22:33 NIV) The donkey saw me and turned away from me these three times. If she had not turned away, I would certainly have killed you by now, but I would have spared her."

(Num 22:34 NIV) Balaam said to the angel of the LORD, "I have sinned. I did not realize you were standing in the road to oppose me. Now if you are displeased, I will go back."

(Num 22:35 NIV) The angel of the LORD said to Balaam, "Go with the men, but speak only what I tell you." So Balaam went with the princes of Balak.

(Num 22:36 NIV) When Balak heard that Balaam was coming, he went out to meet him at the Moabite town on the Arnon border, at the edge of his territory.

(Num 22:37 NIV) Balak said to Balaam, "Did I not send you an urgent summons? Why didn't you come to me? Am I really not able to reward you?"

(Num 22:38 NIV) "Well, I have come to you now," Balaam replied. "But can I say just anything? I must speak only what God puts in my mouth."

(Num 22:39 NIV) Then Balaam went with Balak to Kiriath Huzoth.

(Num 22:40 NIV) Balak sacrificed cattle and sheep, and gave some to Balaam and the princes who were with him.  
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## **2 PETER 2:18-22**

*Verse 19, "They promise them freedom" – 1 Co 6:12-13; Gal 5:13, "".*

**VERSES 20-22 – CAN A CHRISTIAN LOOSE THEIR SALVATION?**

**2 Never truly saved - Jn 10:27-30; Ro 8:28-39, "".**

*Verse 21, "better . . . not to have known the way of righteousness" - Act 9:2; 18:25; 19:9, 23; 22:4; 24:14, 22, "".*

## **2 PETER 3:1-5**

*Verse 1, "Dear friends" - 1 Pe 2:11; 1 Pe 4:12, "".*

*Verse 3, "last days" – Heb 1:1; Jn 6:54, "".*

*Verse 4, "our fathers died" - Heb 13:7, "".*

*Verse 5, "God's word" - Gen 1:3, "".*

*"out of water and by water" - Gen 1:6-10, "".*

## 2 PETER 3:6-13

*Verse 6, “the world” - Jn 3:16; Gen 6:17, “”.*

*Verse 10, “the Day of the LORD” – Joel 2:31; 2:1, 2, 11; Amos 5:18-20; Zech 14:1-2; 1 Th 2:2; 5:2, “”.*

*Verse 11, “destroyed” - Mt 25:13; 1 Th 5:6, 8, 11; 2 Pe 1:13-16, “”.*

*Verse 12, “the day of God” – Rev 16:14, “”.*

*“coming” - Act 3:19-20; Mt 6:10, “”.*

*Verse 13, “his promise” - Isaiah 65:17; 66:22; Rev 21:1, “”.*

*“home of righteousness” - Isa 11:4-5; 45:8; Dan 9:24, “”.*

## 2 PETER 3:14-18

*Verse 14, “at peace with him” - Rom 5:1, “”.*

*1 Co 3:10-15; 2 Co 5:10, “”.*

*Verse 15 “our dear brother Paul” - Rom 16:4, “”.*

*Verse 16, “other Scriptures” – 2 Pe 1:21; 2 Ti 3:16, “”.*

## BUILDING WITH STONE

### Introduction

The Bible frequently speaks of building with stone and the writers assume their readers understand this technique, but most of us have never seen a stone building being built and do not know how ancient people constructed this type of building. This article gives an overview of this ancient building technique and shows various spiritual lessons that can be learned.

### The site on which to build

When a person decides to build a house the first decision is where to build. In the story of the wise and foolish builders, Jesus described two scenarios. In the foothills of Israel the valleys are broad and fairly level with an alluvium Eocene floor which is soft and easy to work, but unfortunately when heavy rains come the valley floor tends to flood and wash away all in its path (Cf. Mt 7:26). In contrast, the Judean hill country around Jerusalem is composed of hard Cenomanian limestone which makes the creation of a flat area on which to build hard work, but provides a permanent and solid surface on which a house can be built (cf. Mt 7:25). A number of times Christ is referred to as a *rock* (e.g., Rom 9:33; 1 Co 10:4 & 1 Pe 2:8). The word *rock* is '*petra*' which usually denotes *bedrock, a mass of rock*, in contrast to '*petros*', *a free-standing stone, a boulder which may easily be moved*. The picture is clear, Christ is the only surface on which to build one's faith and life.

### The foundation

Once the site has been selected and levelled, the next task is to lay the foundation. The *foundation* in an ancient stone building, like the Jerusalem Temple, was laid on the surface of the ground (not sunk into it, as in modern buildings) and so was visible. This explains how everyone would see the foundation of the unfinished tower (Lu 14:28-29), and why the foundation of the new Jerusalem is decorated with precious stones (Rev 21:19). *Ashlar masonry* used in the foundation, consists of massive rectangular blocks of limestone cut so accurately that they fit exactly on top of each other without the need for mortar. The foundation of the temple wall consists of nine courses of such huge blocks, above which are courses of smaller stones. In the Temple, stones in the foundation are up to 1.8m high, 3.9m wide and 11m long, with some weighing over 90 tonnes.

In Eph 2:20 Paul says the church is "built on the *foundation* of the apostles and prophets." Vine (1957) believed the *of* in this verse "is not subjective (i.e., consisting *of* the apostles and prophets), but objective, (i.e., laid *by* the apostles, etc.)" (p. 128), but this interpretation ignores a number of other texts. For example, Rev 21:14 reads, "The wall of the city had twelve *foundations*, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb." Here the *foundations* of the New Jerusalem (a symbol of the church) are the *apostles*, so why not take Eph 2:20 in the more usual sense of the *foundation* being *the apostles and prophets*? This interpretation is also in line with the more obvious meaning of Mt 16:18 where Jesus says to Peter, "you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church." – not as though Peter was the exclusive *foundation* of the church but as one of the *apostles and prophets*, i.e., the first generation of believers, or as we might put it today the *foundation members* of the church.

### The cornerstone

The idea of the *cornerstone* describes a detail in the construction of an ancient stone building. A *cornerstone* was an important stone laid in the foundation of a building. With the Canaanites corner-stone laying was an important sacred ceremony. Under the stone the bodies of human sacrifices were often laid to consecrate the building. This was one of the rites that the Israelites were to eradicate from the land (Lev 18:21; Deut 18:10), and may explain the curse on the building of Jericho (Jos 6:26).

The word rendered '*cornerstone*' in the New Testament is *akrogoniaios*, which occurs only twice in the N.T. (i.e., 1 Pe 2:6 & Eph 2:20), and means, '*lying at the extreme corner*'. Jeremias (1964) said that it referred to the "final stone in a building, probably set over the gate" (p. 972), but few contemporary exegetes agree with him for a number of reasons.

- 1 The texts he uses to support his argument "are later than the NT and do not have compelling force. . . .
- 2 In Eph 2:20 the building to which this stone belongs . . . is not yet completed" (Kramer, 1990, p. 268) and so could not be the '*keystone*' as he suggested,
- 3 If the stone were a '*keystone*', it would have been carefully put to one side and would never become "a stone that causes men to stumble" (1 Pe 2:8), and
- 4 The text of Isaiah 28:16 (where this quote originated) specifically speaks of the '*corner-stone*' being "for a sure foundation".

A *cornerstone* is rather the "*foundation stone at its farthest (foremost) corner*, with which a building is begun" (Kramer, 1990, p. 268). The type of construction referred to is the framing of the corner with courses of long stones to tie the walls together at the corner. Moulton and Milligan (1930) say a *cornerstone* was the "primary foundation-stone by which the architect fixed a standard for the bearings of the walls and cross-walls throughout" (p. 19). Such stones were not right-angle shaped stones, as some have felt, but "straight blocks which run up to a corner, where they are met by similar stones, the ends of which come immediately above or below them" (Robinson, 1928, p. 69). Sir Charles Warren (1876) discovered one stone at the south-west corner of the temple mount, from King Herod's time, which was 11.8m in length and weighed over ninety tonnes.

The *cornerstone* was the first stone to be laid and had two functions, firstly to hold two walls together and secondly to provide a point of reference for the building. It determined direction/orientation and was the reference point for all measurements, both horizontal and vertical. "The stone is spoken of in the singular not because there was only one such stone in every building but [because it describes] its category and function" (Caragounis, 1997, p. 1127). So just as the foundation pictured Christ, so does the cornerstone.

### **The walls**

In describing the church, Peter said, "you . . . like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house" (1 Pe 2:6) and Paul noted, "in him . . . you are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit" (Eph 2:22). In relation to this aspect of the work, Christ is the master builder (Mt 16:18), although He uses humans to do the actual work (1 Co 3:10). In this regard Paul reminds us of the need for care in building as in a coming day all such "sub-contractors" will have their work evaluated before the judgement seat (1 Co 3:10-16). Although the stones varied in length, they were normally the same height, and laid in an overlapping style as in our modern brick homes. The fact that each stone was surrounded by six other stones gave the wall stability, but because the stones were laid without mortar, the stones needed to be exactly square – any imperfection would have resulted in a weakness in the wall. Here too we see some beautiful spiritual lessons. Each stone needs to be a true reflection of the cornerstone (i.e., Christ) and each stone needs the adjoining stones (other church members), so that the building will grow strong and true.

### **The Capstone**

In addition to all of these features, Christ is also the capstone. The Greek expression translated as 'capstone' is *kephale gonias* (lit. 'the head of the corner'). In the N.T. it occurs five times (i.e., Mt 21:42; Mk 12:10; Lu 20:17; Act 4:11; 1 Pe 2:7) and always refers to Christ.

The capstone is normally interpreted as either "the stone which crowns the building", i.e., "the top of the battlement" (Good, 1962, p. 700), or "the keystone", i.e., the stone which completes an arch and so crowns the building, and is generally installed over the entrance. But as pointed out earlier, if the

cornerstone was a 'keystone', it would have been carefully put to one side and would never become "a stone that causes men to stumble" (1 Pe 2:8).

On the other hand it is easy to understand why a 'capstone' could become "a stone that causes men to stumble". Stone has a grain (similar to that in wood) which shows the way it was originally formed and is thus normally parallel to the surface of the ground. Stone used in a wall must have a horizontal grain otherwise the surface of the stone exposed to the weather will flake very quickly. A good example of this problem can be seen at Port Arthur. Clearly the convicts were not stone masons and examples of stone laid incorrectly can be seen in the poor condition of many of the walls. So when stone came from the quarry to an ancient building site the builders would carefully check every stone to ensure each had a horizontal grain. A stone with a vertical grain would be rejected by the builders and left lying around the site where it would become a stone over which men stumble (1 Pe 2:7-8). However, for a capstone the opposite is the case. Capstones (i.e., the row of stones on the top of a wall) must have a vertical grain since most of the weather they receive comes from above. So the stone rejected by the builders because they thought it was just another wall stone, is discovered to be a special stone, one for the top of the wall. This is another example of how the building illustrates Christ. He is the first and the last. As Stigers (1976) put it, "Christ in His character as redeemer and judge fits both metaphors of the foundation stone and the capstone" (p. 979).

### **Conclusion**

When the N.T. writers illustrated their message with the example of a stone building, their readers would have seen far more meaning in it than modern readers. I hope this article helps the reader to gain some of that meaning.

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## PASTOR

### THE ENGLISH WORD

The English word '*pastor*' came originally from the Latin '*pastor*' = 'a shepherd'. In Ecclesiastical Latin it was used for a '*minister*' or '*priest*', and in modern English usage is normally used to describe the minister in certain Protestant denominations.

### THE GREEK WORD

The Greek word translated "pastor" is the word ποιμην (*poimen*) which means 'a shepherd' and though generally used of a literal shepherd, it was frequently used in Classical Greek to describe 'a chief' or 'a leader', e.g., Homer used it regularly when speaking of Agamemnon as 'a shepherd' of the people.

### OLD TESTAMENT USE

The religious leaders of Israel were also described as 'the shepherds of Israel' (Ez 34:2; etc.), but because of their failure Jehovah himself took on the role of shepherd (Ez 34:11-13). Both Christ (Is 40:11) and the Anti-Christ (Zech 11:16) are described as shepherds.

### SHEPHERDS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

*Poimen* occurs eighteen times in the New Testament. Of these, fifteen occur in the Gospels and of the three metaphorical uses outside of the Gospels two refer to Christ (i.e., Heb 13:20, "our Lord Jesus, that great *shepherd* of the sheep" and 1 Pe 2:25, "the *shepherd* and overseer of your souls"). The remaining occurrence is in Eph 4:11 where one of the gifts of the ascended Christ is that of "pastor" (i.e., *poimen*).

### SYNONYMS

Upon reading Paul's speech to the elders at Ephesus (Acts 20:17-38) and Peter's exhortations to the elders in Northern Galatia (1 Pe 5:1-3), it is clear the New Testament writers use three words synonymously as seen in the table below:

Word used in 1 Pe 5:	Elders ( <i>Presbyterous</i> )	Shepherds (verb form) ( <i>Poimanate</i> )	Overseer (verb form) ( <i>Episkopountes</i> )
Word used in Act 20:	Elders ( <i>Presbyterous</i> )	Shepherds (verb form) ( <i>Poimainein</i> )	Overseers ( <i>Episkopous</i> )
Describes their:	STATUS (Senior/Leader)	MINISTRY (Feed/Guard/Guide)	RESPONSIBILITY (Oversee)
Aspect of The work:	INSTRUCTION & DIRECTION	PROVISION & PROTECTION	SUPERVISION & DISCIPLINE

### OTHER NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH OFFICERS

From an examination of Philippians 1:1 it will be seen that there were two different officers in the early church. Firstly that of "overseer" and then the office of "deacon", and it seems that these are two contrasted functions (i.e., 'them that have oversight' and 'them that do serve'). The etymology of the words also supports this belief. *Episkopos* ("overseer") was the term used in Classical Greek to designate officers sent by the Athenians to govern the subject states when Athens was in her glory, whereas *diakonos* ('deacon') referred to a servant or slave within the household whose chief duty consisted in waiting on his master at table and sometimes in marketing for him.

## QUALIFICATIONS

In comparing the qualifications for to the two officers it will be seen that the New Testament lays equal stress on the man's moral and domestic qualities but in listing the qualities in an elder, Paul omits listing tale bearing or backbiting (Cf. 1 Ti 3:1-13; Tit 1:5-9) probably on the assumption that these faults might easily have a place in the deacons but less so in men entrusted with the oversight of the church. But he adds three qualities for leaders not required in deacons:

- (i) **Hospitality** (Tit 1:8) the elder is required to have an 'open house';
- (ii) **Teaching** (Tit 1:9) this is a part of his official duty in the church; and
- (iii) **Experience** (1 Ti 3:6) although a deacon could be a recent convert, the leader must be a man with a proven track record.

## NUMBER

The churches in New Testament times had a plurality of 'elders' in each local church (Jas 5:14; Tit 1:5; Act 14:23; etc.). No indication is given about how many or how few there were. Recent church growth experience indicates that a growing church needs about one elder for every ten families.

## APPOINTMENT

Paul informs us that it is the Holy Spirit that "makes" elders (Acts 20:28), but it is equally clear that they were publicly "ordained" in the early church (Acts 14:23; Tit 1:5). How this is to be done is a matter for each local church to decide for themselves.

## CONCLUSION

The New Testament pattern of a body of elders and a separate diaconate is both desirable and necessary in the 2000s if churches are to grow and expand and the members are to be adequately taught and shepherded.

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# SALVATION

## INTRODUCTION

Of all the words associated with the gospel, 'saved' is probably one of the broadest. Stanton (1959) says that salvation "is actually a broad summary term. It includes every divine undertaking for the believer from his deliverance from the penalty of sin unto his final presentation in glory, conformed to the image of Christ" (p. 5). Salvation then describes the whole 'package-deal' that the believer receives from God as a loving heavenly father bestows gifts on his child. It is the diamond of which the other aspects (e.g., redemption, propitiation, substitution, etc.) are beautiful facets.

## THE GREEK WORD

'Salvation' (and its related terms) is actually the English translation of several different Greek words but by far the most common of these is the word, σωτηρια (*soteria*) which is derived from the obsolete word 'saos' = 'safe'. "The fundamental idea contained in *soteria* is the removal of dangers menacing to life and the consequent placing of life in conditions favourable to free and healthy expansion" (Sanday & Headlam, 1977, p. 23).

## SECULAR USE

In secular writings, *Saviour* was a common title of divinities. Asclepius, the god of healing, was especially so called, as were the divinities in the mystery religions, e.g., Serapis and Isis. "Some vivid light by way of contrast is thrown on Jn 4:4 and 1 Jn 4:14 by the fact that the title *Saviour* was regularly given to the Ptolemies and the Roman Emperors" (Moulton & Milligan, 1976, p. 622). *Soteria* was used generally of *preservation* in danger, *deliverance* from impending death, especially on the sea. It was used of a man's *safe return* to his home after an absence, and Demosthenes used it to describe the '*guarantee for the safe keeping*' of a thing. In the papyrus it is common "in the sense of '*bodily health, well-being, safety*', as e.g., "I asked about your *health (soteria)*" (Moulton & Milligan, 1976, p. 622).

## OLD TESTAMENT USE

In the Greek OT (LXX) *soteria* is used to describe:

- 1 safety and security**, e. g., "many advisers make *victory* sure" (Pr 1:14; cf. Gen 8:21; 44:17);
- 2 deliverance from trouble**, e.g., "in that day they will say, 'Surely this is our God, we trusted in Him and He *saved* us'" (Is 25:9, cf. Isa 38:20; Ps 20:6);
- 3 deliverance from an enemy**, e.g., "You have given your servant this great *victory*" (Jud 15:18, cf. 1 Sa 11:9, 13);
- 4 the great deliverance of the Jewish nation at the Red Sea**, e.g., "Stand firm and you will see the *deliverance* the Lord will bring you today" (Ex 14:13, cf. Ex 15:2); and
- 5 the future Messianic deliverance**; e.g. "Israel will be *saved* by the LORD with an everlasting *salvation*" (Isa 45:17, cf. Isa 52:10; Jer 3:23).

## NEW TESTAMENT USE

The New Testament follows the OT application of *soteria* to:

- 1 deliverance from enemies**, e.g., Lu 1:69, 71; Act 7:25; and
- 2 bodily health and strength**, e.g., Act 27:20, 34; Heb 11:7).

But in the NT it generally denotes a *spiritual salvation* "either as a present possession (Lu 1:77) or as to be realized fully hereafter (Rom 13:11)" (Moulton & Milligan, 1976, p. 622).

## THE THREE "TENSES" OF SALVATION

Salvation has 3 tenses (see table). In his *Greek Grammar*, Nunn (1943) illustrates the difference "by the following (probably apocryphal) story. A certain bishop, renowned for his studies in the Greek tenses, is said to have been asked by a certain person whose zeal exceeded his discretion whether he was 'saved'. The bishop is said to have replied, 'It all depends whether you mean *sozomenos*, *sotheis*, or *sesosmenos*. I trust I am *sozomenos* (in a state of salvation), I know I am *sotheis* (saved once for all by the death of Christ), I hope to be *sesosmenos* (delivered from all danger of falling by being received into Heaven)" (p. 125).

## THE 3 ASPECTS OF SALVATION

PAST	PRESENT	FUTURE
Penalty	Power	Presence
FINISHED (once & for all)	CONTINUOUS	ULTIMATE
On believing	Day-by-day	At Rapture
SPIRIT	SOUL	BODY
Jn 3:16	1 Pe 1:9; Php 1:19.	1 Pe 1:5

## THE THREE CHIEF INGREDIENTS OF SALVATION

Stanton (1959) notes that "the way of salvation boils down to three chief ingredients, a need, a provision and a response" (p. 5).

- 1 Human Need** - We were all helpless (Rom 5:6) and hopeless (Eph 2:12). The first step toward salvation is for a person to recognize their true need. (Mk 1:15);
- 2 Divine Provision** - The Lamb of God (Jn 1:29) was God's provision to bear the penalty of our sin (1 Pe 2:24); and
- 3 A Personal Response** - Simply knowing the facts about Christ does not result in salvation (Jas 2: 19). Christ must be accepted by faith (Act 16:31).

## THE THREE CHOICES OF SALVATION

Chalk (1973) suggests that salvation concerns three choices:

- 1 Life or Death** - Salvation is a life and death matter. Jesus said, "whoever hears my words and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life."
- 2 Light or Darkness** - Of unregenerate men Christ said, they "loved darkness instead of light" (Jn 3:24) but He said that, "Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (Jn 8:12).
- 3 Freedom or Condemnation** - Although 'freedom' to do whatever one pleases is the spirit of the age, Christ said, "everyone who sins is a slave to sin" (Jn 8:34) but Paul tells us that "there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus, the law of the Spirit of life set me free" (Rom 8: 1-2).

## CONCLUSION

"Salvation is God's great gift to man. Though in experience its aspects may not be separated, our understanding of its details gives a Christian deeper appreciation, greater love, and happier praise for the God who has saved him" (Little, 1985, p. 155).

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## SUFFERING

### INTRODUCTION

The problem of suffering is as current today as it has been since creation. It some years since the Tsunami. Then some time ago, the diaries of Mother Teresa were published and I'm sure you know of her struggle with faith in the face of all of the suffering she was encountering daily. A thousand years before Christ, Asaph expressed the same struggle in Psalm 73, And Jeremiah said to God, "You are always righteous, O LORD, when I bring a case before you. Yet I would speak with you about your justice . . . How long will the land lie parched and the grass in every field be withered?" (**Jer 12:1**). In more recent times, when considering how God's people suffer so much, St Teresa of Avila said to God, "It is no wonder you have so many enemies, when one sees how badly you treat your friends." In the late 1800s Gerard Manley Hopkins said to God, "Wert thou my enemy, O thou my friend, How wouldst thou worse, I wonder , than thou dost". On the other hand, the late Pope John Paul writing just before his death said, "Your suffering is never useless, dear sick ones. Pain is precious, because it has a mysterious link to Christ's trial on the cross. It is human to question God about suffering. On the cross Jesus, "cried out in a loud voice, '*Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?*'" - which means, "*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*" (Mt 27:46).

The words, '*Suffer*' and '*suffering*' occur 18 times in 1 Peter. Why? The Roman Emperor Nero began to persecute Christians in 64 A.D. Soon after Peter was imprisoned in Rome and was martyred in c.68 A.D. However before his death he believed that the persecution would spread throughout the world and the Christians needed to be warned and prepared for it. So he wrote to the churches he had established to:

warn them of the forthcoming trials (4:12-13), and  
how to react to them (3:14-17).  
He not only encourages the oppressed (1:6-7), but also  
strengthens faith (5:9),  
brightens hope (5:10), and  
exhorts them to obedience (5:5).

So what did Peter say about suffering.

### WHY DOES GOD ALLOW GOOD PEOPLE TO SUFFER?

#### 1 TO REFINE CHARACTER

1 Pe 4:1, 13, "Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because *he who has suffered in his body is done with sin*"

#### 2 TO ACHIEVE GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSES

1 Pet 2:21, "To this you were called, because *Christ suffered for you*, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps"; 1 Pet 3:18, "*For Christ died for sins once for all*, the righteous for the unrighteous, *to bring you to God*. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit"

#### 3 FOR A RANGE OF OTHER REASONS

1 Pe 1:6-7, "you have had to *suffer grief in all kinds of trials*. These have come *so that your faith . . . may be proved genuine*", i.e., Stamped with a seal of approval to distinguish the true from the counterfeit.

### WHEN SUFFERING REMEMBER:

#### 1 GODLY PEOPLE DO SUFFER

2 Ti 3:12, "In fact, everyone who wants [θελω - 'wishes, desires, chooses] to live a godly life in Christ Jesus *will be persecuted*" Php 1:29 , "For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him".

#### 2 SUFFERING IS TEMPORARY

1 Pe 1:6, "In this you greatly rejoice, though *now for a little while* you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials"; 1 Pe 5:10, "And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in

Christ, after you have suffered *a little while*, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.

### 3 IN OUR SUFFERING WE IDENTIFY WITH CHRIST IN HIS SUFFERING

1 Pe 2:21, "To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, *that you should follow in his steps*"; 1 Pe 4:13, "But rejoice that *you participate in the sufferings of Christ*, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed"

### 3 SUFFERING NEVER GOES WITHOUT IT'S REWARD

1 Pe 2:19, "*it is commendable* if a man bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because he is conscious of God"; 1 Pe 3:14, "if you should suffer for what is right, *you are blessed*"

## HOW TO HANDLE SUFFERING

### 1 ENTRUST YOURSELF TO GOD

1 Pe 4:19, "So then, those who suffer according to God's will *should commit themselves to their faithful Creator* and continue to do good"; 1 Pe 2:19, "For it is commendable *if a man bears up under the pain* of unjust suffering because he is conscious of God.

### 2 RESIST THE DEVIL

1 Pe 5:9, "*Resist him, standing firm in the faith*, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

### 3 KEEP ON DOING WHAT IS RIGHT

1 Pe 2:12-18, "Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us. Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. *For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men.* Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God. Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honor the king.

### 4 FOCUS ON THE FACT THAT CHRIST IS LORD

1 Pe 3:15-16, "*But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord.* Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

### 5 FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF CHRIST

1 Pe 4:1, "Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, *arm yourselves also with the same attitude*, because he who has suffered in his body is done with sin"; 1 Pe 2:22-25, "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth. *When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats.* Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

### 6 PRAISE GOD

1 Pe 4:16, "However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, *but praise God* that you bear that name.

### 7 DO NOT SURRENDER TO FEAR OR TERROR

1 Pe 3:14, "But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "*Do not fear what they fear ; do not be frightened.*"

### 8 REJOICE

1 Pe 4:13, "*But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ*, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.

Notice what Peter does NOT say.

- 1 If you have enough faith, you needn't suffer; and
- 2 If you ask God, He will take it away.

How can we rejoice when we are suffering?

- 1 By recognising we are “*God's elect, strangers in the world*” (‘*sojourners of the Diaspora*’) (1 Pe 1:1). This world is not my home, I’m just a passing through.
- 2 By knowing we are “*chosen according to the foreknowledge of God*” (1 Pe 1:2). We have been chosen as recipients of special favour and privilege.
- 3 By personally appropriating God’s three-fold salvation.
- 4 By appreciating that “*in all things God works for the good of those who love him*” (Rom 8:28).
- 5 By rejoicing in “so great salvation” (Heb 2:3). A salvation that both Prophets and Angels (1 Pe 1:10-12) longed to look into.

## PRIEST

### THE WORD 'PRIEST'

William Hoste once wrote, "No word in Christendom is better known than the word priest, nor perhaps less understood". Most Christians think of a priest as a person with a clerical collar &/or black robes, but this is **not** the biblical concept of the priesthood. In fact, the English word '*priest*' itself only confuses the issue, for the word '*priest*' is derived from the Latin word *presbyterus* = '*an elder*', and this shows a basic misunderstanding of the New Testament teaching on the subject. The Greek word translated as '*priest*' is *hierus* which means '*one who handles holy things*' or '*one who performs sacrificial rites*'.

### THE PRIESTHOOD IN THE GREEK WORLD

The Greek world had hereditary priesthoods for mediation with the deities but also had the concept of general priesthood in which each person could draw near to the god in sacrifice and prayer. The head of the family offered sacrifices for the family and without any special priestly training the layman could arrange purification and offer sacrifices.

### THE PRIESTHOOD IN JUDAISM

The Old Testament speaks of three 'systems' of priesthoods:

- 1 The Patriarchal Priesthood - the divine original.** Originally each father was the priest for his own family. We read e.g., of Job (Job 1:5); Abel (Gen 4:4), Noah (Gen 8:20); Abraham (Gen 12:7; 25:26), and Jacob (Gen 31:54) offering sacrifices to God. When the rituals of the Hebrew religion were being codified God told Moses that He wanted this original system to continue but it would be conditional. Moses was to say to Israel, "If you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all the nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests" (Ex 19:5-6). On hearing God's offer, the people enthusiastically agreed (Ex 19:8), but because of their apostasy they forfeited this privileged position and God instituted the Levitical system.
- 2 The Aaronic Priesthood – the Levitical system.** When the national failed, God chose one family to represent Him to the people and to intercede with Him on behalf of the people. Aaron (Moses' brother) was the first High Priest and his sons were the first priests (Ex 28:1). There are many spiritual lessons that we can learn from the Aaronic priests, among them are:
  - 1 Their appointment** - Every direct male descendant of Aaron automatically became a priest. The only essential requirement was birth. In fact., this was so important that in the days following the return from the Exile there were some men who believed that they were rightly priests but when they could not prove their genealogy, Ezra would not let them function as priests (Ezra 2:62). So it is not training, ability or ordination that makes a man a priest, but birth alone.
    - 2 Their consecration** - Exodus 29 details the consecration ceremony. Note especially:
      - 1 Washing (Ex 29:4).** The washing symbolised cleansing from defilement (Cf. Tit 3:5; Jn 13:10).
      - 2 Clothing (Ex 29:8).** The priest was clothed with white linen garments which were supplied for him. These symbolised imputed righteousness (Cf. Rom 4:5; 2 Co 5:21; Rev 19:8).
      - 3 Sprinkling (Ex 29:20).** Blood was applied to the priest's right ear, right thumb and right great toe. This reminded him to hear God's voice, do God's work and walk in God's ways (Cf. 1 Pe 1:2).
    - 3 Their work** - Every day they stood and offered sacrifices to God (Ex 29:38-43; Heb 10:11) on behalf of the people; they attended to the things of God in the tabernacle (e.g. Lev 24:1-9) and represented God to his people (Ex 29:44-46; De 33: 8-11).
- 3 The Melchisedical Priesthood – the perpetual priesthood.** This King-Priest (Gen 14:18-20) offered bread and wine to Abraham and depicts Christ as the eternal priest (Ps 110:4; Heb 6:20).

## THE PRIESTHOOD IN CHRISTIANITY

The New Testament teaches that every born-again believer is a priest (Rev 1:5-6; 5:10; 20:6; 1 Pe 2:4-10). Martin Luther saw it this way, "All Christians are all together priests and let it be anathema to assert there is any other priest than he who is a Christian for it will be asserted without the word of God and on no authority but the sayings of men, or the antiquity of custom or the multitude of those who think so." The Christian Priesthood is seen in two aspects:

### 1 A Holy Priesthood - Into God's presence in worship and sacrifice.

- 1 **The O.T. Type** - On the Day of Atonement the High Priest had a bath (Lev 16:4); put on a plain white linen robe (Lev 16:4); entered the Most Holy Place with incense (v.13) and blood (v.15) and made atonement for the sins of the people (cf. v.16, Heb 10:1-4).
- 2 **Personal Expression** - We express our holy priesthood personally whenever we enter God's presence to offer worship and praise (Heb 13:15); to intercede (Heb 10:19-22) and when we present ourselves as living sacrifices to Him (Rom 12: 1-2).
- 3 **Corporate Expression** - corporately we demonstrate our holy priesthood when we gather around the Lord's Table to express our praise (Heb 13:15), to minister the sacraments and to offer our gifts to him (Heb 13:16).

### 2 A Royal priesthood - Into the world in witness and service.

- 1 **The O.T. Type** - Later on the Day of Atonement the High Priest again bathed himself (Lev 16:24) and put on his garments "for glory and for beauty" (Lev 16:24; Ex 28:2) and then came out into the court yard. The appearance of the High Priest showed the people that atonement had been made.
- 2 **Personal Expression** - As we by life (cf. Acts 4:13) and lip (cf. Rom 15:16; 1 Pe 3:15) "declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light" (1 Pe 2:9) we function as royal priests.
- 3 **Corporate Expression** - Gospel meetings, cell groups, etc., are the ways we corporately witness to our lord and in these ways we corporately express our royal priesthood.

## THE PRESENT IMPLICATIONS

Being a priest of God is a special privilege and every privilege brings its corresponding responsibility. The question comes, "How well do I express my priesthood - both holy and royal?" Does my life 'show forth the praises of Christ?' Am I ready 'to give an answer to everyone who asks' the reason for my faith? Do I regularly 'approach the throne of Grace' and enjoy 'meeting together' with other believers on the Lords Day? Each of these are ways we demonstrate our priesthood to God and to the world. '

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# SATAN

## HIS EXISTENCE

Although there are many that deny his existence claiming him to be only a 'principle of evil', the Bible speaks of him as a person having:

**MIND** e.g., his reasoned arguments (Mt 4:5, 6)

**EMOTION** "You want to carry out your father's desire" (Jn 8:44)

**WILL** "I will ... I will ... I will ..." (Isa 14:13)

## HIS ORIGIN

This is more or less shrouded in mystery but he is a created, originally glorious, being, He is:

**A CREATED BEING** "in the day that thou was created" (Ezk 28: 13, 15)

**A MIGHTY CREATURE** "the archangel Michael ... did not dare to bring a slanderous accusation against him" (Jude 9)

**A FALLEN CREATURE** "how art thou fallen, O Lucifer" (Isa 14:12)

## PRESENT LOCATION

Satan is a finite being and can only be in one place at one time, however he is:

**NOT BOUND IN HELL** "Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion (1 Pe 5:8)

**ON EARTH** "From going to and fro in the earth" (Job 1:7)

**IN HEAVEN** "the Prince of the power of the air" (Eph 2:2)

## HIS METHODS

He is a usurper of God's place and opposes God and His people by every means at his disposal including:

**DECEIT** Satan "hath blinded the minds of them that believe not" (2 Co 4:4)

**ENTICEMENT** "Eve was deceived by the Serpent's cunning" (2 Co 1:3)

**RESISTANCE** "out of my sight, Satan" (Mt 16:22-23)

**HIS NAMES** - As well as those already referred to, he is called:

**"THE PRINCE OF THIS WORLD"** (Jn 12:31)

**"THE DRAGON"** (Rev 20:2)

**"THE ACCUSER OF THE BRETHREN"** (Rev 12:10)

## HIS DESTINATION

Revelation 20 describes his doom in 3 stages:

**BANISHMENT TO THE ABYSS** (Rev 20:1-3)

**RELEASE AND OPPOSITION TO GOD** (Rev 20:7-8)

**ETERNAL DOOM IN LAKE OF FIRE** (Rev 20:10; Mt 25:41)

## HOW HE IS TO BE TREATED

Christians need to:

**TREAT HIM AS A DEFEATED FOE** (Heb 2:14-5; Col 2:15)

**RESIST HIM BY FAITH** (Jas 4:7; 1 Pet 5:8-9)

**GIVE HIM NO PLACE IN OUR LIVES** (Eph 4:27; 2 Cor 2:11)

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## THE GENESIS FLOOD

### 1 BIBLICAL

Genesis 7:11-8:14 tells us:

- 1 Noah & family entered into the Ark, in Noah's 600<sup>th</sup> year (7:11);
- 2 The fountains of the deep were broken up (7:11);
- 3 It rained 40 days and 40 nights (7:12);
- 4 The water was 6.9 metres (15 cubits, 22') deep (7:20);
- 5 All the high hills and the mountains were covered (7:19-20);
- 6 All life (outside the ark) was destroyed (7:21-23); and
- 7 The water remained for 150 days (5 months) (7:24; 8:3).

### 2 HISTORICAL

The following passages prove the historicity of the flood.

Isaiah 54:9, "I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth"

Matthew 24:37-39, "In the days that were before the flood . . . the flood came and **took them all away**"

Luke 17:26-27, "The flood came and **destroyed them all**"

- 1 Peter 3: 20, "In the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein a few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. The like figure whereunto even Baptism doth also now save us, (not the putting of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ"
- 2 Peter 2:5, "And spared the old world, but saved Noah, the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing the flood upon the world of the ungodly"
- 2 Peter 3:5-7, "By the Word of God the Heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water; Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water perished. But the Heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store"

### 3 MORAL

The moral lesson from the flood is the sudden & swift judgement of God against evil.

The flood removed from humanity, as by a gigantic surgical operation, what was an incurably corrupt community, thus the race was preserved until such time as it should be redeemed.

God had said that He would not always strive with men. He gave them time to repent, but when none came; He came in sudden, swift, and sure judgment.

### 4 TYPICAL

The typical lessons to be learnt from this narrative are:

#### 1 The Ark - Salvation

1 Peter 3:20 - Just as Noah was saved by the ark, so we are saved by Christ.

#### 2 The Flood - Future Judgment

2 Peter 3:7 - God will again destroy unrepentant sinful men, this time it will be by fire.

Note: The Universality, the Sureness and the Swiftness of the Judgment of God.

## **"THE SONS OF GOD" WERE "THE SONS OF GOD", EVIL ANGELS OR SONS OF SETH?**

### **ARGUMENTS IN FAVOUR OF "SONS OF GOD" = EVIL ANGELS**

#### **1 "The Sons of God saw the daughters of men" (6: 2)**

Men = Adam = Mankind, so the daughters of mankind, NOT the daughters of Cain only.

**Reply:** "*Men*" sometimes refers to 'the remainder of men' or 'other men' as in Psa 73:5, "as (other) men are". The *other* is inserted by the translators and is not in the Hebrew original.

#### **2 "Sons of God" = 'Sons of Elohim' and always (6 times) means 'angels'. Also some LXX MSS give 'angels' here. Cf. Job 1:6, "the Sons (Ben) of God come to"; Job 2:1, "the Sons (Ben) of God come to"; Job 38:7, "all the Sons of God shouted"; Job 3:25, "like the Son (Bar) of God"**

**Reply:** In Job 'Sons of God' are not necessarily angels. The Daniel reference exactly the same, Cf. Deut 14:1, "The Sons of Elohim" = Israel; and the N.T. where 'Sons of God' are always men (e.g. Rom. 8: 14).

#### **3 The context assigns a monstrous offspring (Nephilim) to the union.**

"there were giants in the earth in those days" (6:4).

**Reply:** On the contrary the Scripture says: "they bare children unto them, the same became mighty men . . . men of renown" (6:4).

#### **4 Nephilim = Fallen Ones, i.e., fallen angels**

**Reply:** Luther translates it as "Tyrants" - those that fell on the people and oppressed them.

#### **5 Jude 1:5-7 teaches the fallen angels committed fornication**

'And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, He hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. Even as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication'

**Reply:** Jamieson and others believe that it is impossible to draw this conclusion. May not Jude 1:7 mean that they are a warning in like manner. R.V. gives "Kept not their own principality" - no reference is made to their bodies.

#### **6 In the flood both lines (Cain and Seth) were destroyed – showing both were ungodly**

**Reply:** This incident must refer to a much earlier time, i.e. before they were corrupted.

#### **7 2 Pe 2:4-6 implies that angels did sin just before the flood. Who were they if not these "Sons of God"? ("if God spared not the angels that sinned .. and spared not the old world, but saved Noah . . . and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes"**

**Reply:** There is an interval between vv 5 and 6, and also one between vv 4 and 5, i.e., the angels that sinned refers to the original rebellion and outcast of Satan and his angels.

#### **8 The 'angels' view was held until the 4<sup>th</sup> Century AD when the 'Seth' view was introduced because:**

A Worship of angels-had been introduced, and this would detract from that worship, and

B Celibacy was instituted, and if real 'angels' fell then this would be an excuse for earthly angels.

**Reply:** This is only an unsupported theory.

#### **9 Josephus and many Jews believed it refers to angels**

**Reply:** Jews are not always right, and in any case many Hebraists translate it 'Sons of Nobles'.

## ARGUMENTS IN FAVOUR OF "SONS OF GOD" = "SONS OF SETH"

**1 Angels are sexless** (Mt 22:30 "neither marry nor are given in marriage but are as the angels in Heaven")

**Reply:** They are not sexless - they are all males. That is why they do not marry in heaven

**2 Angels are Spirits** (Heb 1:7 "His angels spirits")

**Reply:** Gen 18-19 speak of angels assuming the form of men, e.g., Gen 18:8 "They did eat"; 19:1, "angels visit Lot and Abraham"

**3 Seth is traced back to God.** Luke 3:38, "Adam which was the Son of God"; Gen 4:25, "and called his name Seth: for God hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel"

**Reply:** But sin separated Adam from God, and "God sent him forth from the garden" (Gen 3:23).

**4 In Mt 24:38 the Lord describes life before the flood** and does not mention any angels.

**Reply:** Arguments based on Silence of Scripture are dangerous..

**5 In Jude 1:6 "Angelos" = messenger**

**Reply:** '*Angelos*' always means angel, unless the context definitely indicates otherwise.

**6 This is the natural meaning of the -passage.** The other view is monstrous, and surely 'Sons of God' would not be used to describe evil angels. N.B, v5, God saw the wickedness of **men** and v7, I will destroy **man**.

**7 This is scriptural and not mythical,** e.g., Num 25 & Jud 3. Unnatural matches with persons of a false religion are everywhere condemned in Scripture. It also accords with the description, subsequently given to God's true followers.

**8 The expression "took them wives"** (6:2) is the standing expression for the God-established marriage relationship and never for fornication.

**9 Angels are referred to 15 times** in the Pentateuch and they are always called '*angels*'.

**10 Hoste says, "The idea of angels is a fanciful speculation."**

**Reply:** Alford says, "The idea of the line of Cain is a makeshift idea."

**11 The writer means us to see the breakdown** of the vital separation of the two lines.

**Reply:** The view that 'Sons of God' were Sethites is based on assumption that they lived apart from the descendants of Cain, and remained a pure and holy race. But this has no Scriptural foundation.

## CONCLUSION

You need to examine the evidence and make your own decision.

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