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- 1) God, the Eternal Father, the Creator and Sustainer of all existence
- 2) The Holy Spirit, the seven Spirits of God who are before his throne,  
who continually convict us of sin, righteousness, and the coming Judgment
- 3) Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of God, the Lord and Savior of all mankind

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1 Peter, [the] apostle of Jesus Christ, to [the] chosen sojourners of [the] dispersion of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,  
 2 according to [the] predetermination of God [the] Father, by [the] sanctification of [the] Spirit, for [the] obedience and [the] sprinkling with [the] blood of Jesus Christ: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.  
 3 Blessed [be] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who begot us again according to his great mercy, to a living hope, through [the] resurrection of Jesus Christ from among [the] dead,  
 4 to an incorruptible and undefiled and unfading inheritance which is kept in heaven for you,  
 5 who are guarded by [the] power of God through faith, for a salvation ready to be revealed in [the] last time,  
 6 in which you exult, although now for a short [time], if [it] must [be], [you] have become distressed<sup>1</sup> in various trials,  
 7 in order that the genuineness of your faith, much more precious than gold which perishes yet is tested through fire, might be found to praise and glory and honor at [the] revelation of Jesus Christ,  
 8 whom, although [you] did not see [him], you love, in whom, although [you] do not see [him] now yet believe [in him], you exult with inexpressible and glorious joy,  
 9 because [you] are receiving the goal of your faith, [the] salvation of [your] souls,  
 10 concerning which salvation prophets, who prophesied about the grace which [was] for you, sought out and inquired carefully  
 11 by examining what<sup>2</sup> or what kind of time the Spirit of Christ within them would point to by bearing witness beforehand to the sufferings in<sup>3</sup> Christ and the glories which [would be] after these [things],  
 12 to whom it was revealed that not to themselves but to us they were ministering in the things<sup>4</sup> which have now been proclaimed to you through those who proclaimed the gospel to you by [the] Holy Spirit who was sent from heaven, into [the things] which angels desire to look.  
 13 Therefore gird up the waists of your mind, be self-controlled, put your confidence completely in the grace which is brought to you at [the] revelation of Jesus Christ.  
 14 As children of obedience, do not be conformed to the former lusts which [were] in your ignorance;  
 15 but according to the Holy [one] who called you, [you] yourselves also, be holy in every conduct,  
 16 for it is written, "Be holy, because I am holy."  
 17 And if you call upon [as] Father him who judges impartially according to the work of each [man], conduct yourselves with fear during the time of your sojourn,  
 18 because [you] know that you were redeemed from your futile way of life handed down from your fathers, not with corruptible [things], silver or gold,  
 19 but with precious blood, as of an unblemished and spotless lamb, Christ<sup>5</sup>,  
 20 who was chosen beforehand before [the] foundation of [the] world, but was revealed at [the] last of the times for the sake of you  
 21 who through him believe in God, who raised him up from among [the] dead and gave glory to him, with the result that your faith and hope are in<sup>6</sup> God.  
 22 Because [you] have purified your souls in the obedience to the truth through [the] Spirit for sincere brotherly love, love one another fervently from a pure heart,  
 23 because [you] are begotten again not by corruptible but incorruptible seed, through [the] word of God which<sup>7</sup> lives and remains for eternity.  
 24 For all flesh [is] like grass and all [the] glory of man [is] like [the] flower of [the] grass; the grass withers and its flower falls off,  
 25 but the word of [the] Lord remains for eternity. And this is the word of the gospel which was proclaimed to you.

1) or, "sorrowful"

2) or, "what [man]"

3) or, "for the benefit of"

4) lit, "them"

5) or, "[the] precious blood of Christ, as of an unblemished and spotless lamb"

6) or, "toward"

7) or, "who"

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,  
 2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.  
 3 Blessed [be] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,  
 4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,  
 5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.  
 6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:  
 7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:  
 8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see [him] not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:  
 9 Receiving the end of your faith, [even] the salvation of [your] souls.  
 10 Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace [that should come] unto you:  
 11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.  
 12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.  
 13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;  
 14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:  
 15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;  
 16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.  
 17 And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning [here] in fear:  
 18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, [as] silver and gold, from your vain conversation [received] by tradition from your fathers;  
 19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:  
 20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,  
 21 Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.  
 22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, [see that ye] love one another with a pure heart fervently:  
 23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.  
 24 For all flesh [is] as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:  
 25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

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1 Therefore put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisies and envies and all evil speakings;

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

2 as newborn babies, long for sincere<sup>1</sup> spiritual<sup>2</sup> milk, in order that you may grow by it,  
 3 if indeed you tasted that the Lord [is] kind,  
 4 by coming to whom, a living stone which is rejected by men but [is] choice, precious in the sight of God,  
 5 you yourselves also, as living stones, are built up [into] a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.  
 6 Therefore it is also contained in the scripture, "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, [the] chief corner, choice, precious. And he who believes in him will certainly not be disappointed<sup>3</sup>."  
 7 Therefore honor [belongs] to you who believe; but to [those] who disobey, [the] stone which the builders rejected, this [stone] became [the] head of [the] corner  
 8 and [the] stone of stumbling and [the] rock of offense, who stumble because [they] disobey the word, for which also they were appointed.  
 9 But you [are] a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for a possession, in order that you may proclaim the excellencies of character of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light,  
 10 who [were] at one time not a people, but [are] now [the] people of God; who had not been shown mercy, but has now been shown mercy.  
 11 Beloved, I exhort [you] as foreigners and sojourners to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul,  
 12 while having your conduct among the gentiles [as] good, in order that, in [that] in which they speak against you as evildoers, they may by [your] good works, when [they] observe [them], glorify God on [the] day of visitation.  
 13 Therefore subject yourselves to every human authority system for the sake of the Lord, whether to a king as [the] one who is in authority,  
 14 or to governors as [those] who are sent by him for [the] punishment of evildoers and [the] praise of [those] who do good,  
 15 because the will of God is as follows, namely, that by doing good [you] should silence the ignorance of foolish men;  
 16 as free [men], and not as [those] who have freedom [as] a cover for wickedness, but as [the] slaves of God.  
 17 Honor all [men], love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.  
 18 Slaves<sup>4</sup>, subject yourselves to [your] masters with all fear, not only to the good and moderate, but also to the crooked.  
 19 For this [is] favor, if for the sake of consciousness of God a [man] endures sorrows by suffering unjustly.  
 20 For what credit [is it] if, when [you] sin and are beaten, you endure? But if, when [you] do good and suffer, you endure, this [is] favor with God.  
 21 For you were called for this, because Christ also suffered on our behalf with the result that [he] left an example for us, in order that you might follow in his footsteps,  
 22 who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in his mouth;  
 23 who, while [he] was being reviled, was not reviling in return; while [he] was suffering, was not threatening, but was entrusting [himself] to him who judges justly;  
 24 who himself bore our sins in his body upon the tree, so that [we] should die to sins [and] live for righteousness; by whose wound you were healed.  
 25 For you were like sheep which go astray, but have now been returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

CHAPTER 2  
 1) lit. "without deceit"  
 2) lit. "thoughtful"

3) or, "put to shame"

4) or, "House slaves"

2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:  
 3 If so be ye have tasted that the Lord [is] gracious.  
 4 To whom coming, [as unto] a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, [and] precious,  
 5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.  
 6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.  
 7 Unto you therefore which believe [he is] precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,  
 8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, [even to them] which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.  
 9 But ye [are] a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:  
 10 Which in time past [were] not a people, but [are] now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.  
 11 Dearly beloved, I beseech [you] as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;  
 12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by [your] good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.  
 13 Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme;  
 14 Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.  
 15 For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:  
 16 As free, and not using [your] liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.  
 17 Honour all [men]. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.  
 18 Servants, [be] subject to [your] masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward.  
 19 For this [is] thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully.  
 20 For what glory [is it], if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer [for it], ye take it patiently, this [is] acceptable with God.  
 21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:  
 22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:  
 23 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed [himself] to him that judgeth righteously:  
 24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.  
 25 For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

CHAPTER 3

1 Likewise, wives, subject yourselves to your own husbands, in order that, even if some disobey the word, they may be gained without a word through the conduct of [their] wives,  
 2 when [they] observe your pure conduct with respect,  
 3 of whom let it not be the outward adornment of [the] braiding of hair, and of [the] putting around of gold ornaments or of [the] putting on of garments,  
 4 but the hidden man of the heart with the incorruptible [quality] of the gentle and quiet spirit, which is costly in the sight of God.  
 5 For in this manner at one time the holy women also, who put their confidence in God, would adorn themselves by<sup>1</sup> subjecting themselves to their own husbands,

CHAPTER 3

1) or, "with the result of"

CHAPTER 3

1 Likewise, ye wives, [be] in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;  
 2 While they behold your chaste conversation [coupled] with fear.  
 3 Whose adorning let it not be that outward [adorning] of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;  
 4 But [let it be] the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, [even the ornament] of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.  
 5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:

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6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham by calling him lord, of whom you become children if [you] do good and fear no terror at all.

7 Likewise, husbands, dwell according to knowledge with the female as with [the] weaker vessel, showing honor<sup>2</sup> as also [the] fellow heirs of [the] grace of life, in order that your prayers may not be cut off.

8 And finally, all [of you], [be] united in thinking, sympathetic, having brotherly love, tenderhearted, friendly,

9 while not recompensing evil for evil or reviling for reviling; but on the other hand while blessing, because [you] know that you were called for this, namely, that you should inherit a blessing.

10 For he who wants to love life and to see good days, let him restrain his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit;

11 let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it,

12 for the eyes of [the] Lord [are] upon [the] righteous, and his ears [are] toward their prayers, but [the] face of [the] Lord [is] against [those] who do evil.

13 And who [is] he who will harm you if you are [the] imitators of that which is good?

14 But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, [you would be<sup>3</sup>] blessed. And do not fear their intimidation<sup>4</sup> or be troubled,

15 but regard [the] Lord God as holy in your hearts, and always [be] ready for a defense to every man who asks you for an account concerning the hope [which is] in you, with consideration and respect,

16 having a good conscience, in order that, at [the time] at which they speak against you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame.

17 For [it is] better to suffer for doing good, if the will of God desires, than for doing evil.

18 For Christ also suffered once<sup>5</sup> for sins, a just [man] on behalf of unjust [men], so that he should bring us to God when<sup>6</sup> [he] was put to death in [the] flesh but was made alive by the Spirit,

19 by whom also [he] went [and] proclaimed to the spirits which [were] in prison,

20 because [they] were at one time disobedient when once the patience of God was waiting in [the] days of Noah while an ark was being built, in which a few (that is, eight) souls were saved through water,

21 to which also an antitype now saves us, baptism (not [the] removal of dirt from [the] flesh, but [the] formal request of a good conscience toward God<sup>7</sup>), through [the] resurrection of Jesus Christ,

22 who is at [the] right [hand] of God after [he] went into heaven, after angels and authorities and powers were subjected to him.

CHAPTER 4

1 Therefore because Christ suffered in [the] flesh on our behalf, you also, arm yourselves with the same thought, because he who suffers<sup>1</sup> in [the] flesh has ceased from sin,

2 with the result that [he] lives the remaining time in [the] flesh no longer according to [the] lusts of men but according to [the] will of God.

3 For the time of life which has passed [was] enough for us to do the will of the gentiles, because [we] have walked in licentiousness, lusts, drunkenness, excessive feasting, drinking parties, and unlawful idolatries,

4 in which they are surprised when you do not run with [them] into the same flood of debauchery, with the result that [they] slander [you],

5 who will give an account to him who is ready<sup>2</sup> to judge [the] living and [the] dead.

6 For the gospel was proclaimed also to [the] dead for this, namely, that they should be judged with reference to [the] flesh according to men, but should live with reference to [the] spirit according to God.

7 But the end of all [things] is<sup>3</sup> near. Therefore be prudent and be self-controlled for prayers;

8 but above all [things] have [your] love for each other [as] fervent, because love will cover a multitude of sins.

9 [Be] hospitable to one another without murmurings;

CHAPTER 3

2) or, "with [them] according to knowledge as with [the] weaker vessel, showing honor to the female"

3) or, "are"  
4) or, "fear"

5) or, "once for all"  
6) or, "after"

7) or, "to God for a good conscience"

CHAPTER 4

1) or, "suffered"

2) lit, "readily"

3) or, "has drawn"

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

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

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

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

10 For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:

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

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

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

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

15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and [be] ready always to [give] an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

16 Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.

17 For [it is] better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.

18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

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

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

21 The like figure whereunto [even] baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

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

CHAPTER 4

1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;

2 That he no longer should live the rest of [his] time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.

3 For the time past of [our] life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:

4 Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with [them] to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of [you]:

5 Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead.

6 For for this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.

7 But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.

8 And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.

9 Use hospitality one to another without grudging.

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10 each [one of you], to the degree that he received a gift, serve it to each other as [the] good administrators of [the] varied grace of God.

11 If any [man] speaks, [let him speak] as [one who speaks the] sayings of God; if any [man] serves, [let him serve] as [one who serves] with [the] strength which God provides, in order that in all [things] God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong glory and power to the ages of the ages. Amen.

12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the burning ordeal among you while [it] is coming upon you for a trial, as if a strange [thing] were happening to you;

13 but rejoice to the degree that you share in the sufferings of Christ, in order that at the revelation of his glory you may also rejoice with exultation<sup>4</sup>.

14 If you are reproached because of [the] name of Christ, [you are] blessed, because the [Spirit] of glory and the Spirit of God rest upon you; he is blasphemed among them, but he is glorified among you.

15 By no means let any of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer, or as a busybody in the matters of others;

16 but if [any man suffers] as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.

17 For the time that the judgment<sup>5</sup> should begin from the household<sup>6</sup> of God [is coming<sup>7</sup>]; and if [it begins] from us first, what [will be] the outcome of those who disobey the gospel of God?

18 And if the righteous [man] is saved with difficulty, where will the ungodly and sinful [man] appear?

19 Therefore also let those who suffer according to the will of God entrust their souls while doing good<sup>8</sup>, as [one who entrusts] to [the] faithful Creator.

CHAPTER 5

1 [The] elders who [are] among you I exhort, the fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, the sharer also in the glory which is to be revealed:

2 shepherd the flock of God among you by overseeing not under compulsion, but voluntarily; and not with shameless greed for money, but willingly;

3 nor as [those] who exercise lordship over the portions, but for the purpose of being examples to the flock;

4 and when the chief Shepherd is revealed, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

5 Likewise, young<sup>1</sup> [men], subject yourselves to [the] elders; and all [of you], subject yourselves to one another, gird yourselves with humility, because God opposes [the] proud, but gives grace to [the] humble.

6 Therefore allow yourselves to be humbled under the mighty hand of God, in order that he may exalt you in time,

7 by casting all your anxiety upon him, because he cares<sup>2</sup> about you.

8 Be self-controlled, stay alert, because your accuser<sup>3</sup>, [the] devil, walks about like a roaring lion for the purpose of seeking whom he should devour,

9 whom resist [by being] firm in faith, because [you] know that the same [kinds] of sufferings are fulfilled with reference to your brotherhood in [the] world.

10 And after [you] suffer for a short [time], may the God of all grace, who called us into his eternal glory in<sup>4</sup> Christ Jesus, himself restore, establish, strengthen, found you.

11 To him [be] glory and power to the ages of the ages. Amen.

12 Through Silvanus, the faithful brother as I think, I have written to you through a few [words] for the purpose of exhorting [you] and bearing witness that this is [the] true grace of God in which you stand firm.

13 The [church] in Babylon, chosen together with [you]<sup>5</sup>, and Mark my son, greet you.

14 Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace [be] to you all who [are] in Christ Jesus. Amen.

CHAPTER 4

4) lit, "exulting"

5) or, "judgment"  
6) or, "house"  
7) or, "has come"

8) or, "with well-doing"

CHAPTER 5

1) or, "younger"

2) lit, "it is a care to him"  
3) or, "opponent"

4) or, "through"

5) lit, "chosen together with [you church] in Babylon"

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10 As every man hath received the gift, [even so] minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

11 If any man speak, [let him speak] as the oracles of God; if any man minister, [let him do it] as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy [are ye]; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or [as] a thief, or [as] an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters.

16 Yet if [any man suffer] as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.

17 For the time [is come] that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if [it] first [begin] at us, what shall the end [be] of them that obey not the gospel of God?

18 And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?

19 Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls [to him] in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

CHAPTER 5

1 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:

2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight [thereof], not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

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

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

5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all [of you] be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

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

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

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

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

12 By Silvanus, a faithful brother unto you, as I suppose, I have written briefly, exhorting, and testifying that this is the true grace of God wherein ye stand.

13 The [church that is] at Babylon, elected together with [you], saluteth you; and [so doth] Marcus my son.

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