

**THE FIRST EPISTLE OF ST. PETER  
THE APOSTLE**

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for Catholics**

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and  
Paraphrase**

## THE LETTER OF 1 PETER

**General Information:** The Letter of 1 Peter was written to Christians of Asia Minor, probably between 65 and 68 A.D. At this time Christians were suffering from false and malicious charges and persecution. Persecution of Christians broke out and spread to Roman Asia under the Emperor Nero in 64 A.D. The object of this Letter is to give encouragement to the believers in the face of impending persecution. Those whom it is addressed included both Gentiles and those of Jewish birth.

**NOTICE :** If you read only the **bold face type** you will be reading the ***Douay-Rheims Version*** of the Catholic Bible. If you read the “light face type” you will be reading a paraphrase based on the text.

**READ AND DISCUSS EACH VERSE ALONG WITH THE “ADDITIONAL INFORMATION” AND “QUESTIONS.”** (Additional Catholic translations may be consulted also).

**1 PETER CHAPTER 1  
VERSES 1-2**

**1PE 1: [1] Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers dispersed through Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, elect, [2] According to the foreknowledge of God the Father, unto the sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you and peace be multiplied.** (1 This is from Peter, a messenger of Jesus Christ. I am writing to you who are living as pilgrims and aliens in this world, and are scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia,

Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia in Asia Minor.

**2** In the far distant past, God the Father chose you to belong to Himself, because even then He knew you would choose to be made holy by the Holy Spirit as you surrendered in obedience to Him, and accepted the sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.

May God's undeserved blessings and His peace be very real in your lives in multiplied ways.)

**Additional Information: (Verse 1) "Peter"** The leader of the 12 Apostles. **"An apostle of Jesus Christ."** An ambassador, literally, *one who is sent*. **"To the strangers dispersed,"** people away from their homes, living as foreigners in a land not their own, usually under persecution by being driven out of their land.

**(Verse 2) "Unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ."** The reference is probably to the making of the covenant in Ex. 24:7-8, where the blood of the sacrifice was sprinkled on the people after they had promised obedience to the Lord. In this verse it is

obedience to Jesus Christ. Two things are necessary for conversion. (1) Repentance, that is, a change of heart that makes us willing and determined (with God's help) to obey and follow Him. (2) Accept His offer of forgiveness for our sins by (faith and baptism) recognizing Jesus as God's Son and our Savior, who suffered, shed His blood and died for us, and rose again (see Acts 3:19; Acts 22:16).

1. Share your insights from 1 Peter 1:1-2 with each other.

2. Peter was an apostle or messenger of Jesus Christ. True or False (verse 1)

3. Peter is writing to God's people who are living as pilgrims and aliens in this world. True or False (verse 1)

4. Peter is writing to the believers that were scattered by persecution throughout what is now part of modern Turkey. True or False (verse 1)

5. Through the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit we are called to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled by His blood. True or False (verse 2)

**1 PETER CHAPTER 1  
VERSES 3-5**

**1PE 1: [3] Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy hath regenerated us unto a lively hope, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, [4] Unto an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that can not fade, reserved in heaven for you, [5] Who, by the power of God, are kept by faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time.**

(3 And may the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ be most highly praised! It is because of His great desire to be merciful to us that He led us into a new birth—into a hope that is vibrantly alive. And the reason our hope

is so alive is because God has indeed raised Jesus Christ from the dead! **4** And He has reserved an inheritance for us in Heaven that is absolutely indestructible. That is, it will never perish, nor will it ever spoil, or fade away. **5** Because of your genuine faith, you are constantly being protected by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed at the end of this age.)

**6.** God is good, by raising Jesus from death He has given us: a. a new birth. b. a new life. c. a living hope. d. all of the above. (verse 3)

**7.** God has reserved for his children: a. an inheritance. b. the priceless gift of eternal life. c. rich blessings. d. all of the above. (verse 4)

**8.** You are guarded by the power of God operating through your faith, till you enter fully into the salvation revealed at the end of time. True or False. (verse 5)

**1 PETER CHAPTER 1  
VERSES 6-7**

**1PE 1: [6] Wherein you shall greatly rejoice, if now you must be for a little time made sorrowful in divers temptations: [7] That the trial of your faith (much more precious than gold which is tried by the fire) may be found unto praise and glory and honour at the appearing of Jesus Christ:**

(6 You have good reason to continually rejoice in a great way about this, even though it may have been necessary for you to suffer grief now for a brief time because of various trials. 7 But these trials have been allowed by God in order to reveal just how genuine your faith really is. And the testing of your faith is of far more value, and much more important, than the testing and purifying of gold, which will soon be of no value to you or anyone else. So even though your faith is now being tested by fire, may the end result be praise, glory, and honor for you when Jesus Christ is revealed in

the heavens as He returns to receive His Kingdom.)

9. Living hope results in present joy. True or False (verses 3-5)

10. Continue to praise God for the salvation that is about to be revealed, though for a little while you may have to suffer various trials. True or False (verses 5-6)

11. Trials will prove the genuineness of faith. True or False (verse 7)

12. Praise, glory and honor will be given by God to those that are faithful to Christ. True or False (verse 7)

### 1 PETER CHAPTER 1 VERSES 8-9

**1PE 1: [8] Whom having not seen, you love: in whom also now, though you see him not, you believe: and believing shall rejoice with joy unspeakable and glorified;**

**[9] Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.**

(8 Although you haven't yet seen Him, you love Him. And even though you don't see Him now, you continue to believe and rejoice in Him with an overflowing and ecstatic joy which just can't be adequately put into words. 9 Because even now, you are in the process of receiving the end result of your faith—the final salvation of your souls.)

13. Verse 8 may reveal that Peter had in mind the words of the Lord Jesus, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed" (Jn. 20:29). True or false

14. We are in the process of receiving the end result of our faith, total salvation. True or False (verse 9)

**1 PETER CHAPTER 1  
VERSES 10-12**

**1PE 1: [10] Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and diligently searched, who prophesied of the grace to come in you.**

**[11] Searching what or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ in them did signify: when it foretold those sufferings that are in Christ, and the glories that should follow:**

**[12] To whom it was revealed, that not to themselves, but to you they ministered those things which are now declared to you by them that have preached the gospel to you, the Holy Ghost being sent down from heaven, on whom the angels desire to look.**

(10 Even the prophets, who prophesied about the undeserved mercy that God would offer you, asked God with intense interest to tell them more about this salvation. And they diligently searched the Scriptures for the meaning of the predictions God had given them about it. 11 They were trying to find out who the person was, and when the happening would take place, that the Spirit of Christ within them was referring to when He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glorious happenings that would come later. 12 But they were told that what they were

receiving was not for their time, but for ours. And the things they were told have now taken place, and have been reported to you by those who preached the Great News to you with the help of the Holy Spirit who has been sent from Heaven. In fact, the Great News is so glorious and amazing that even the angels have great desire to learn all about it.)

**15.** As to this salvation, the prophets prophesied: a. in Church. b. in special meetings. c. of the grace that should come (God's gracious salvation). (verse 10)

**16.** The Spirit of Christ was in the prophets, telling in advance about the sufferings of Christ and about the glory that would follow those sufferings. True or False. (verse 11)

**17.** The prophets were told that what they were receiving (from God) was not for their time, but for ours. True or False. (verse 12)

**18.** God's Good News is so glorious and amazing that even angels desire to learn all about it. True or False. (verse 12)

**1 PETER CHAPTER 1  
VERSES 13-16**

**1PE 1: [13] Wherefore having the loins of your mind girt up, being sober, trust perfectly in the grace which is offered you in the revelation of Jesus Christ, [14] As children of obedience, not fashioned according to the former desires of your ignorance: [15] But according to him that hath called you, who is holy, be you also in all manner of conversation holy: [16] Because it is written: You shall be holy, for I am holy.**

**(13)** So exercise diligent control over your minds, and don't allow yourselves to become intoxicated by the cares or by the captivating attractions of this brief and uncertain life; but center your thoughts and hopes fully on the undeserved wonderful things that will happen to you, including the great inheritance you will receive when Jesus Christ returns to earth in

His glory. **14** As true children of God now, be obedient to Him, and don't continue to conform yourselves to the worldly desires that formerly shaped your lives, when you were ignorant of God's great plans for you. **15** But in the same way that the One who called you to Himself is holy, you must now let Him help you to live a holy life as well, in everything you do.

**16** Because God Himself has said,  
I am holy, and you must be holy too.

**Additional Information:** (verse 15) *Let Him help you to live a holy life.* This is in the passive voice, indicating that you are receiving the help (grace) from God to live a holy life. You are not on your own, without help.

**19.** We should look forward to the special blessings and kindness of God that will be ours when Jesus Christ appears, that is, returns again. True or False. (verse 13)

**20.** Be obedient children of God, instead of molding yourselves to the passions that once ruled you. True or False. (verse 14)

21. In the same way that God is holy, we must now let Him help us to live a holy life. True or False. (verse 15)

22. God Himself has said, *I am holy, and you must be holy too.* True or False (verse 16)

## 1 PETER CHAPTER 1 VERSE 17

**1PE 1: [17] And if you invoke as Father him who, without respect of persons, judgeth according to every one's work: converse in fear during the time of your sojourning here.**

(17 And always remember that the One you call on as your Father is One who has no favorites. He is fair and just in all His judgments, and He will judge each of us according to our true character, by how we have lived and by what we have done. So live your lives as aliens here in reverent fear.)

**23.** What does God take into account when He judges?  
(Verse 17)

**1 PETER CHAPTER 1  
VERSES 18-21**

**1PE 1: [18] Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things as gold or silver, from your vain conversation of the tradition of your fathers: [19] But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb unspotted and undefiled, [20] Foreknown indeed before the foundation of the world, but manifested in the last times for you, [21] Who through him are faithful in God, who raised him up from the dead, and hath given him glory, that your faith and hope might be in God.**

**(18** Because you know that God didn't ransom you by means of perishable things, like silver and gold, from the worthless way of life you inherited from your ancestors. **19** But you

were redeemed by the priceless blood of Christ. Like a lamb chosen to be sacrificed, He was without a blemish or defect of any kind. **20** It was decisively determined by God even before He made the world that Christ would be our Savior. But He has been revealed to us as our Savior only recently. **21** And you have come to believe in God because of what He has done for you through Christ, especially when He raised Him from the dead and gave Him such a great position of glory at His right hand. So your faith and hope are based on what God has already done.)

**24.** God redeemed us, that is, liberated and delivered us from all kinds of evil by: a. silver. b. gold. c. the precious blood of Jesus. (verses 18-19)

**25.** It was decisively determined by God even before He made the world that Christ would be our Savior. True or False (verse 20)

**26.** Our faith and hope is based on what God has done. True or False (verse 21)

**1 PETER CHAPTER 1  
VERSES 22-23**

**1PE 1: [22] Purifying your souls in the obedience of charity, with a brotherly love, from a sincere heart love one another earnestly: [23] Being born again not of corruptible seed, but incorruptible, by the word of God who liveth and remaineth for ever.**

(22 Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the requirements revealed by the truth which the Holy Spirit made real to you, causing you to love your fellow followers in all sincerity, love one another fervently, from a heart in which there is no dishonesty or hypocrisy. 23 Because you have been born again. But this time, you were not given birth by means of human seed, which ends only in certain death. You were given birth by means of that which will never die, by the living word of God which will endure forever.)

**27.** Obedience to the truth through the power of the Holy Spirit, purified your hearts. True or False (verse 22)

**28.** You have been regenerated (born again) by the living word of God which will endure forever. True or False (verse 23)

**29.** We are born again by the Spirit of God using the word of God. True or False (verse 23)

**1 PETER CHAPTER 1  
VERSES 24-25**

**1PE 1: [24] For all flesh is as grass; and all the glory thereof as the flower of grass. The grass is withered, and the flower thereof is fallen away. [25] But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel hath been preached unto you.**

*(24) Because All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flower of the grass. The grass withers, and its flower soon fades*

*away, 25 but whatever the Lord has said will continue unchanged forever (Isa. 40:6-8). And it's that unchanging message that was preached to you.)*

**30.** Our earthly life is compared to: a. the universe. b. an oak tree. c. grass. (verse 24)

**31.** The glory and splendor of man is compared to: a. fading flowers. b. a new car. c. Jesus Christ. (verse 24)

**32.** Whatever the Lord has said will continue unchanged forever. True or False (verse 25)

## **1 PETER CHAPTER 2 VERSES 1-3**

**1PE 2: [1] Wherefore laying away all malice, and all guile, and dissimulations, and envies, and all detractions, [2] As newborn babes, desire the rational milk without guile, that thereby you may grow unto**

**salvation: [3] If so be you have tasted that the Lord is sweet.**

(1 So rid yourselves of all desire to harm others, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all slander, and insulting speech. 2 Be like newborn babies, earnestly craving the pure milk of the word of God, so that by drinking it in, you may grow spiritually. 3 You have already experienced how helpful and kind the Lord really is.)

**33.** Because we have been born anew and now have a honest and true love for our brothers and sisters, we must put off all forms of: a. desires to harm others. b. deceit. c. hypocrisy. d. envy. e. slander. f. insulting speech. g. all of the above. (chapter 2 verse 1)

**34.** When we were first converted, we were like: a. new born babies. b. mature disciples of the Lord. c. elderly people. (chapter 2 verse 2)

**35.** As Christians we can grow and mature through: a. reading various books. b. listening to the radio. c. the

sincere milk of the word, that is, the pure and simple instruction of God's Word. (chapter 2 verse 2)

**36.** As believers we have tasted: a. bad coffee. b. how helpful and kind the Lord really is. (chapter 2 verse 3)

## **1 PETER CHAPTER 2 VERSES 4-8**

**1PE 2: [4] Unto whom coming, as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen and made honourable by God: [5] Be you also as living stones built up, a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. [6] Wherefore it is said in the scripture: Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious. And he that shall believe in him, shall not be confounded. [7] To you therefore that believe, he is honour: but to them that**

**believe not, the stone which the builders rejected, the same is made the head of the corner: [8] And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of scandal, to them who stumble at the word, neither do believe, whereunto also they are set.**

**(4** So keep coming to the Lord Jesus who is the Living Stone. It's true that He has been rejected by most of mankind, but He has been chosen by God and is most highly valued by Him. **5** You, too, are living stones, who are continually being built up to form a great Temple. You are also a holy priesthood, appointed to offer up spiritual sacrifices that will be acceptable to God as they come to Him from you through Jesus Christ. **6** For that reason the Scripture also says, *Look, I have chosen a priceless Cornerstone whom I am placing in Zion. Those who are believing in Him will never be disappointed (Isa. 28:16).* **7** So this Stone is of great value to you who believe. But to those who refuse to believe and obey God—

*The Stone that the builders threw out as worthless, turned out to be the most important One of all (Psa. 118:22).*

**8** Another Scripture says,  
*He will be a Stone over which people will stumble, and the Rock that will bring about their downfall (Isa. 8:14).*

They continue to stumble over God's message because they continue to live in disobedience. And God has decreed that those who are determined that they will not obey, will indeed stumble.)

**37.** We must come to Jesus and keep coming, for he is:  
a. God's living cornerstone. b. God's chosen. c. held by God in highest honor and value. d. all of the above.  
(chapter 2 verse 4)

**38.** God is building a spiritual house. Jesus is the cornerstone and we are the building blocks. In this house we function as: a. housekeepers. b. holy priest that offer up to God spiritual sacrifices. (chapter 2 verse 5)

**39.** The Scripture says that Jesus is: a. a priceless corner stone. b. chosen of God. c. all of the above. (chapter 2 verse 6)

**40.** Those that believe in God's Christ will: a. be sorry. b. give up hope. c. not be ashamed or disappointed because of some false hope. (chapter 2 verse 6)

## **1 PETER CHAPTER 2 VERSES 9-10**

**1PE 2: [9] But you are a chosen generation, a kingly priesthood, a holy nation, a purchased people: that you may declare his virtues, who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:[10] Who in time past were not a people: but are now the people of God. Who had not obtained mercy; but now have obtained mercy.**

(9 But you are a people whom God has chosen. You are now a royal priesthood. You are a holy nation, a people who are very special to God. And He has done all of this for

you so that you might praise Him to others, telling them how God called you out of awful darkness into His own marvelous light. **10** At one time, you had no standing at all with God, but now you are His people! You knew nothing about God's mercy then, but now you have obtained His mercy!)

**41.** As Christians we are: a. a people whom God has chosen. b. a royal priesthood. c. a holy nation. d. a people very special to God. e. called out of awful darkness into His own marvelous light. f. all of the above. (chapter 2 verse 9)

**42.** Once we had not obtained God's mercy but now we have obtained God's mercy. True or False. (chapter 2 verse 10)

## **1 PETER CHAPTER 2 VERSES 11-12**

**1PE 2: [11] Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, to refrain yourselves from carnal desires which war**

**against the soul, [12] Having your conversation good among the Gentiles: that whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by the good works, which they shall behold in you, glorify God in the day of visitation.**

(11 Dear friends, realize that you are indeed aliens and temporary residents here on planet earth! So I beg you always to refuse to satisfy the evil desires of your body and mind that are continually at war, in mortal combat, against your soul. 12 Continue to live such honorable lives among the unbelievers, that even when they speak against you and claim you are doing evil, still, as they see the good lives you are living, even yet they may end up being included among those who will glorify God when Christ returns.)

**43.** The Apostle Peter refers to Christians as: a. aliens and temporary residents here on planet earth. b. those who enjoy life. (chapter 2 verse 11)

**44.** The Apostle Peter appeals to Christians to: a. refrain from watching television. b. refrain from using the internet. c. refuse to satisfy the evil desires of your body and mind that war against your soul. (chapter 2 verse 11)

**45.** Good works or godly lives cause people to glorify God in the Day that Christ returns. True or False. (chapter 2 verse 12)

## **1 PETER CHAPTER 2 VERSES 13-17**

**1PE 2: [13] Be ye subject therefore to every human creature for God's sake: whether it be to the king as excelling; [14] Or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of the good: [15] For so is the will of God, that by doing well you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: [16] As free,**

**and not as making liberty a cloak for malice, but as the servants of God.**

**[17] Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.**

(**13** So for the Lord's sake, obey every law of the government, whether it's a national law or a state or local ordinance. **14** Always realize that those who are sent to enforce the law are there to punish those who do wrong, and to praise and help those who do what's right. **15** Because it's God's desire that by doing what's right, you may silence the ignorant charges of foolish people. **16** Yes, live as people who are free, but don't use your freedom as a cover-up for doing wrong. Use your freedom, as well as every other strength you have, to serve God! **17** Have a high regard for everyone. Show continual love toward all who are true fellow followers of the Lord. Always have a reverent and wholesome fear of God. And always honor those in governmental authority.)

45. The Lord wants us to obey the laws of the land; to silence the ignorance of foolish people by: a. being lawless. b. doing what's right. (chapter 2 verses 13-15)

46. Our freedom in Christ should never be used as a cover-up for: a. wickedness and doing wrong. b. sin. c. all of the above. (chapter 2 verse 16)

47. We should show: a. a high regard for everyone. b. continual love toward all who are followers of the Lord. c. reverent and wholesome fear of God. d. honor to governmental authority. e. all of the above. (chapter 2 verse 17)

## 1 PETER CHAPTER 2 VERSES 18-23

**1PE 2: [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 for conscience towards God, a man endure sorrows, suffering wrongfully. [20] For what glory is**

**it, if committing sin, and being buffeted for it, you endure? But if doing well you suffer patiently; this is thankworthy before God.**

**[21] For unto this are you called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving you an example that you should follow his steps.**

**[22] Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth. [23] Who, when he was reviled, did not revile: when he suffered, he threatened not: but delivered himself to him that judged him unjustly.**

**(18** Employees, have a high regard for your employers, and always be submissive to those in charge of your work—not only if they are kind and gentle, but even if they are harsh.

**19** If you patiently endure the pain of undeserved suffering because you are concerned about bringing honor to the Lord in the way you react toward unjust treatment, you can be sure that God is well-pleased. **20** But don't expect any credit if you do wrong and bear up under the punishment you receive because of it. But if you suffer because of the

good you do, and suffer patiently, that definitely pleases God.

**21** After all, this is the kind of life God has called you to live. Christ too suffered unjustly for our benefit. So He has left us an example, intending that you should follow in His steps.

**22** *He never committed a sin. Not even one lie came out of His mouth (Isa. 53:9).* **23** When He was abused with vile and hateful remarks, He never answered back. When he suffered, He didn't threaten revenge. He left the matter completely with God, who always judges fairly.)

**46.** Always be submissive to those in charge of your work. True or False. (chapter 2 verse 18)

**47.** If a man is conscious of God and suffers for it, God will honor that man, God is pleased. True or False. (chapter 2 verse 19)

**48.** If you suffer because of the good you do, this pleases God. True or False. (chapter 2 verse 20)

**49.** All that live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. We should not think that something strange has happened to us, for Jesus life has left us: a. an example. b. a model. c. a pattern. d. all of the above. (chapter 2 verses 21-23)

**50.** When Jesus suffered unjustly, he: a. complained that it was unfair. b. said, “God get them!” c. left the matter completely with God, who always judges fairly. (chapter 2 verse 23)

## **1 PETER CHAPTER 2 VERSES 24-25**

**1PE 2: [24] Who his own self bore our sins in his body upon the tree: that we, being dead to sins, should live to justice: by whose stripes you were healed. [25] For you were as sheep going astray; but you are now converted to the shepherd and bishop of your souls.**

(**24** He carried our sins in His own body when He died for us on the cross. He did this so that we might die to our sins and live to please God. You were healed by the wounds He received for you. **25** Because you were just like sheep, always going astray. But now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.)

**51.** Christ Himself carried on his own person our sins on the cross, so that we would be: a. sad. b. glad. c. dead to our sins and live to please God. (chapter 2 verse 24)

**52.** We were like sheep: a. always going astray. b. needing someone to cut our wool. (chapter 2 verse 25)

**53.** Have you returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your soul? Yes or No. (chapter 2 verse 25)

**1 PETER CHAPTER 3  
VERSES 1-6**

**1PE 3: [1] In like manner also let wives be subject to their husbands: that if any believe not the word, they may be won without the word, by the conversation of the wives. [2] Considering your chaste conversation with fear. [3] Whose adorning let it not be the outward plaiting of the hair, or the wearing of gold, or the putting on of apparel: [4] But the hidden man of the heart in the incorruptibility of a quiet and a meek spirit, which is rich in the sight of God. [5] For after this manner heretofore the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection to their own husbands: [6] As Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose**

**daughters you are, doing well, and not fearing any disturbance.**

**1** Wives, in the same way, you must be submissive to your own husband. Then, even if he is one who won't listen to God's message, he may be won to the Lord without a word being spoken, by means of your conduct,

**2** when he sees the beautiful life you are living, and your fear of displeasing either him or the Lord. **3** Don't let your main concern be your outward beauty, such as a beautiful hair arrangement, or expensive clothes and jewelry.

**4** But let your true beauty be the inner glow from the person you really are in your heart, the beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is beauty that doesn't fade. God takes great delight in and highly values such beauty. **5**

That's the way the holy women who trusted in God in former times made themselves beautiful. **6** They were always submissive to their husbands, as Sarah, for example. She obeyed Abraham, and even called him her master. You are her daughters if you continue to do what's right, and don't allow any circumstance to get you upset or fearful.)

**54.** The unbelieving husband may be won to the Lord by: a. telling him how wrong he is. b. dragging him to Church. c. means of your conduct, when he sees the beautiful life you are living, and your fear of displeasing either him or the Lord. (chapter 3 verses 1-2)

**55.** Wives beauty should not center on: a. hairstyles. b. jewelry. c. fancy clothes. d. all of the above. (chapter 3 verse 3)

**56.** Wives beauty should come from: a. their hairdresser. b. their make-up. c. their aging cream. d. dying their hair. e. weightwatchers. f. their heart, a gentle and peaceable spirit, which is beauty that doesn't fade. (chapter 3 verse 4)

**57.** Godly women, who trust in God, submit to their own husbands. True or False. (chapter 3 verses 5-6)

**1 PETER CHAPTER 3  
VERSE 7**

**1PE 3: [7] Ye husbands, likewise dwelling with them according to knowledge, giving honour to the female as to the weaker vessel, and as to the co-heirs of the grace of life: that your prayers be not hindered.**

(7 And you husbands, listen: Always be considerate of your wife. Treat her with honor, realizing that as a woman she is physically weaker than you, but that you are equal heirs of the marvelous future life God has promised. One good reason you should make sure you do this is so that you won't keep your prayers from being answered.)

**58.** Husbands should live with their wife: a. as little as possible. b. in a considerate and understanding way. c. as equal heirs of the marvelous future life God has promised. d. according to knowledge so that their

prayers will not be hindered and unanswered. (chapter 3 verse 7)

**1 PETER CHAPTER 3  
VERSES 8-12**

**1PE 3: [8] And in fine, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, being lovers of the brotherhood, merciful, modest, humble: [9] Not rendering evil for evil, nor railing for railing, but contrariwise, blessing: for unto this are you called, that you may 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 decline from evil, and do good: let him seek after peace and pursue it: [12] Because the eyes of the Lord are upon the just, and his ears unto their prayers: but the countenance of the Lord upon them that do evil things.**

**8** To sum it all up, you should all live in harmony, having true compassion for each other. Love one another as brothers and sisters, and be tenderhearted and courteous.

**9** Don't repay evil with evil or insult with insult. Instead, do something good for those who mistreat you, and say something good to them, because this is what God has called you to do. Only then will you receive the good things God has promised you.

**10** Because

*Whoever wants to really enjoy life and see good times must keep from speaking evil and stop telling lies.*

**11** *He must turn away from what's wrong and do what's good and right. And he must strive for peace, and really pursue it.*

**12** *Because the eyes of the Lord are watching over those who do what's good and right, and His ears are open to listen to their prayers. But the face of the Lord is set with firm determination against those who practice evil.*

(Psa. 34:12-16).

**59.** By God's grace and the aid of His Spirit. we are: a. to live in harmony. b. to have true compassion for each other. c. to love one another as brothers and sisters. d. to be tenderhearted and courteous. e. not to pay evil with evil. f. not to pay insult with insult. f. to do something good for those who mistreat us, and say something good to them. (chapter 3 verses 8-9)

**60.** If you would like to enjoy life and see good days, you must: a. keep from speaking evil. b. stop telling lies. c. turn away from what's wrong. d. do what's good and right. e. strive for peace, and really pursue it. f. all of the above. (chapter 3 verse 10-11)

**61.** The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers, but the face of the Lord is against those that practice evil. True or False. (chapter 3 verse 12)

### **1 PETER CHAPTER 3 VERSES 13-16**

**1PE 3: [13] And who is he that can hurt you, if you be zealous of good? [14] But if also**

**you suffer any thing for justice' sake, blessed are ye. And be not afraid of their fear, and be not troubled. [15] But sanctify the Lord Christ in your hearts, being ready always to satisfy every one that asketh you a reason of that hope which is in you. [16] But with modesty and fear, having a good conscience: that whereas they speak evil of you, they may be ashamed who falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.**

**(13** Who will harm you if you become eagerly involved in doing what's good? **14** But even if you should suffer for doing what's right, you will be blessed by God.

*And don't be afraid of their threats, nor be concerned about pending trouble (Isa. 8:12).*

**15** Do make certain, however, that you have truly made God the Lord and Ruler of your life. And always be ready to give an answer to everyone who asks you what reason you have for the hope that motivates you. But do so with gentleness and respect. **16** And always keep your conscience clear, so that those who

charge you with doing evil, and speak against the good life you are living for Christ, may be ashamed of the way they're treating you.)

**62.** Who will harm you if you become eagerly involved in doing what's good? (chapter 3 verse 13)

**63.** If you suffer for righteousness sake, you will be: a. sad. b. cursed. c. blessed. (chapter 3 verse 14)

**64.** God and Christ should always be set apart in our hearts as: a. the supplier of our wants. b. the Lord and Ruler of your life. (chapter 3 verse 15)

**65.** We must always be ready to explain and defend our Christian faith. True or False. (chapter 3 verse 15)

**66.** Make sure your conscience is and stays perfectly clear. True or False. (chapter 3 verse 16)

**67.** If your conscience is clear, those who accuse you falsely will sooner or later be brought to: a. shame. b. disgrace. c. all of the above. (chapter 3 verse 16)

**1 PETER CHAPTER 3  
VERSES 17-22**

**1PE 3: [17] For it is better doing well (if such be the will of God) to suffer, than doing ill. [18] Because Christ also died once for our sins, the just for the unjust: that he might offer us to God, being put to death indeed in the flesh, but enlivened in the spirit, [19] In which also coming he preached to those spirits that were in prison: [20] Which had been some time incredulous, when they waited for the patience of God in the days of Noe, when the ark was a building: wherein a few, that is, eight souls, were saved by water. [21] Whereunto baptism being of the like form, now saveth you also: not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the examination of a good conscience towards God by the**

**resurrection of Jesus Christ. [22] Who is on the right hand of God, swallowing down death, that we might be made heirs of life everlasting: being gone into heaven, the angels and powers and virtues being made subject to him.**

**(17** Because it's better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing wrong. **18** Because Christ also suffered once because of the sins of others. Here was One who was without sin, suffering in order to bring us to God. His body was put to death because of our sins, but then He was made alive again by the Divine Spirit. **19** And in His spirit He also went and preached to the spirits locked up in prison. **20** These were the spirits of the people who had been disobedient to God long ago when He waited patiently for them to repent during the days that Noah was building the large ship. Only a few people were saved in that ship. Only eight people were brought safely through the water of that great flood. **21** The picture of these eight people believing in God and committing their lives, their

reputations, and all they had and could ever hope to have, or be, to the ship that God had provided, was a foreshadowing illustration of the kind of water baptism that now saves us—not a baptism that merely removes dirt from the body, but a baptism that truly involves a total surrender of ourselves to God. And baptism receives its saving power from the fact that Jesus Christ rose from the dead. **22** Jesus has now gone into Heaven and is seated at God's right hand, where angels and authorities and all other powers have been made subject to Him.)

**68.** If you suffer, it is better to suffer for doing good than for doing wrong. True or False. (chapter 3 verse 17)

**69.** Christ suffered for our sins to bring us to God. True or False. (chapter 3 verse 18)

**70.** The righteous One (Jesus) suffered for: a. good people. b. those who were confused. c. the unrighteous (in order to bring us to God). (chapter 3 verse 18)

71. Jesus preached to the disobedient and unbelieving people of Noah's day. True or False. (chapter 3 verses 19-20)

72. Baptism receives its saving power from the fact that Jesus Christ rose from the dead. True or False. (chapter 3 verse 21)

73. In baptism we appeal to God for a clear conscience. True or False. (chapter 3 verse 21)

74. All angels, authorities and powers have been made subject to Jesus. True or False. (chapter 3 verse 22)

## 1 PETER CHAPTER 4 VERSES 1-6

**1PE 4: [1] Christ therefore having suffered in the flesh, be you also armed with the same thought: for he that hath suffered in the flesh, hath ceased from sins: [2] That now he may live the rest of his time in the flesh, not after the desires of men, but**

**according to the will of God. [3] For the time past is sufficient to have fulfilled the will of the Gentiles, for them who have walked in riotousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and unlawful worshipping of idols. [4] Wherein they think it strange, that you run not with them into the same confusion of riotousness, speaking evil of you. [5] Who shall render account to him, who is ready to judge the living and the dead. [6] For, for this cause was the gospel preached also to the dead: that they might be judged indeed according to men, in the flesh; but may live according to God, in the Spirit.**

**( 1** Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in His human body, we must arm ourselves with the same attitude He had. When we willingly accept suffering by refusing to satisfy the evil cravings of our flesh, we have put a stop to our sinning. **2** We must do so in order to no longer live the rest of our very brief lives here on earth

for the short-sighted purpose of gaining the satisfactions that we humans naturally crave, but to now do only what God wants us to do.

**3** You have certainly spent enough time in the past living to fulfill the desires that the godless live for—shamelessly committing sexual sins and satisfying every other lustful desire, getting drunk, carousing, attending drinking parties, and the shameful worship of various idols.

**4** Now your old friends think it strange that you are no longer eager to join them in the same old flood of evil, and they repeatedly revile you in contempt and scorn

**5** But don't forget, they will all have to give an account of themselves before God, who will definitely judge both those who have died and those who are still alive when Christ returns.

**6** That's why the Great News was also preached to the dead, so that even though they were judged like everyone else in regard to their body, they might go on living eternally, even as God does, in regard to their spirit.)

**Additional Information: (verse 3)** An idol is anything you love and treasure more than you love God. It is also anything you put your trust in more than you trust in God.

**(verse 6)** This appears to refer to 1 Peter 3:19-20. There are many opinions as to what this means; but if you have heard the Great News in this life, and have rejected or neglected it, you may be in danger (Heb. 9:27). Your opportunity to accept God's forgiveness through Christ is NOW. Repent and be baptized ...(Acts 2:38). Use the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**75.** If we are willing to suffer for the cause of Christ we have obviously cut ourselves off from a life of sin. True or False. (chapter 4 verses 1-2)

**76.** We have spent enough time in the past doing: a. what God wants us to do. b. what Jesus commanded us to do. c. what the heathen do. (chapter 4 verse 3)

**77.** Your old friends think: a. what a great thing has happened to you since you turned to Christ. b. we should be Christians too! c. it is strange that you no longer join them in the excess of loose living, and they speak evil of you. (chapter 4 verse 4)

**78.** God will judge those who are alive and those who have died. True or False. (chapter 4 verse 5)

**79.** Verse 6 may refer to 1 Peter 3:19-20. True or False (chapter 4 verse 6)

**1 PETER CHAPTER 4  
VERSES 7-11**

**1PE 4: [7] But the end of all is at hand. Be prudent therefore, and watch in prayers.**

**[8] But before all things have a constant mutual charity among yourselves: for charity covereth a multitude of sins.**

**[9] Using hospitality one towards another, without murmuring, [10] As every man hath received grace, ministering the same one to another: as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. [11] If any man speak, let him speak, as the words of God. If any man minister, let him do it, as of the power, which God administereth: that in all things God may be honoured through Jesus**

**Christ: to whom is glory and empire for ever and ever. Amen.**

(7 The end of all things here is near for all of us. So be seriously concerned, and spend much time with God in prayer.8 Above everything else, be fervent in your love for one another, because love makes us blind to many of the faults and imperfections of others. 9 Open your homes to one another, and do so cheerfully, without grumbling. 10 Each of us has received at least one of God's many wonderful gifts. Keep using that gift to serve and minister to others. Be good stewards of the many good things God has given you. 11 Whoever preaches must preach as God would preach if He were in your place. And in whatever way you serve God and your fellow men, never forget that every ability you have comes from God, so that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. Because all glory and power belong to Him alone, forever and ever. Indeed, may it forever be so!)

**80.** The end of this world [age] is near. Therefore we are to: a. eat, drink, and be merry. b. be seriously concerned. c. spend much time with God in prayer. (chapter 4 verse 7)

**81.** God's kind of love covers: a. our traffic tickets. b. our sins. c. our credit card bills. (chapter 4 verse 8)

**82.** We are to show hospitality to one another without: a. getting paid for it. b. grumbling. (chapter 4 verse 9)

**83.** Every disciple of Jesus Christ has received: a. some money to spend. b. a free Bible. c. a special, free, grace gift from God. (chapter 4 verse 10)

**84.** God's gifts of grace come: a. only to the priest. b. only to the rich and famous. c. in many and various forms to His people. (chapter 4 verse 10)

**85.** Christians that speak before others are responsible to speak: a. their own philosophies and views. b. what others tell them. c. the very words and utterances of God. (chapter 4 verse 11)

**86.** Those that serve God and others must serve: a. every Sunday. b. happily. c. out of the ability that God gives and supplies. (chapter 4 verse 11)

**87.** God in all things should be glorified. True or False. (chapter 4 verse 11)

### **1 PETER CHAPTER 4 VERSES 12-16**

**1PE 4: [12] Dearly beloved, think not strange the burning heat which is to try you, as if some new thing happened to you; [13] But if you partake of the sufferings of Christ, rejoice that when his glory shall be revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. [14] If you be reproached for the name of Christ, you shall be blessed: for that which is of the honour, glory, and power of God, and that which is his Spirit, resteth upon you. [15] But let none of you**

**suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or a railer, or a coveter of other men's things. [16] But if as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.**

(12 Also, my dear friends, don't be surprised at the fiery trial that's testing you, as if something that should never happen to the Lord's followers is happening to you. 13 Instead, you must keep rejoicing when that happens. Because when you suffer for the same reasons that Christ did, you will experience extreme joy when Christ's glory is revealed. 14 If you are abused verbally because of your testimony and stand as a true follower of Christ, you should be glad! Because when that happens, it means that it's evident that both God's glory and His Spirit are resting upon you. Those people are abusing not only you, but Christ as well; and by your life and testimony you are glorifying Him! 15 But make sure that none of you ever needs to suffer as a murderer, a thief, or a meddler in other people's affairs, or for being involved in any other evil. 16 But never be ashamed if you suffer because you're a follower of the Lord.

Instead, always praise God when that happens,)

**Additional Information: (verse 12)** This, and the following seven verses (13-19) are especially appropriate for us today. They were also appropriate when Peter wrote them, because the Christians were about to enter a time of fearsome persecution. They were hated and hunted. They were fed to lions, and persecuted in many ways.

Once again Christians can expect fearsome persecution, as the end of the age approaches. Christians will be hated and persecuted as never before (Matt. 24:9-10; Dan. 7:19-22).

**88.** When trials come to test our faith we should: a. be surprised. b. not be surprised. c. conclude that we are out of God's will. (chapter 4 verse 12)

**89.** We should rejoice when we share in Christ's sufferings. True or False. (chapter 4 verse 13)

**90.** When you are criticized, shamed or disgraced for following Christ: a. you are fortunate because the spirit

of glory and God rests upon you. b. your life glorifies Him. c. you are not in faith. (chapter 4 verse 14)

**91.** If you suffer as a Christian, it should be: a. for doing what is right and good. b. for doing what is evil and wrong. (chapter 4 verse 15)

**92.** We should never be ashamed if we suffer for being a follower of Christ. True or False. (chapter 4 verse 16)

#### **1 PETER CHAPTER 4 VERSES 17-19**

**1PE 4: [17] For the time is, that judgment should begin at the house of God. And if first at us, what shall be the end of them that believe not the gospel of God? [18] And if the just man shall scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? [19] Wherefore let them also that suffer according to the will of God,**

**commend their souls in good deeds to the faithful Creator.**

(17 because God has already justly begun to bring to trial those who belong to the family of God. And if He begins first with us, what will become of those who refuse to obey God's commands included in His Great News?)

**18** *If even those who are determined to live to please God find it difficult to be saved, what chance will the person have at God's judgment bar who continues to disobey God and lives mainly to please himself? (Prov. 11:31)*

**19** So when you suffer because of your obedience to God, continue to give yourself completely to Him, and continue to do the good you know you should be doing. And trust your faithful Creator completely with whatever happens as a result.)

**93.** What will happen to those who do not obey the gospel of God? (chapter 4 verse 17; See also Matt. 25:31-34, 41, 46.

**94.** According to 1 Peter 4:18, should we be serious about following Jesus or should we be unconcerned?

**95.** If we suffer as a Christian, it must be for doing the will of God and persevering in doing right. True or False (chapter 4 verse 19)

### **1 PETER CHAPTER 5 VERSES 1-4**

**1PE 5: [1] The ancients therefore that are among you, I beseech, who am myself also an ancient, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ: as also a partaker of that glory which is to be revealed in time to come: [2] Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking care of it, not by constraint, but willingly, according to God: not for filthy lucre's sake, but voluntarily: [3] Neither as lording it over the clergy, but being made a pattern of the flock from the heart. [4] And**

**when the prince of pastors shall appear,  
you shall receive a never fading crown of  
glory.**

(1 As a fellow church elder who saw Christ suffer, and who will also share in the glory that will soon be revealed, I have something to say to you who are elders. 2 Be genuine shepherds of God's flock which is under your care. Act as truly concerned overseers, not because you feel you must, but because you are glad to do so; and not for the low reason of financial gain, but because of your eagerness to serve. 3 And don't lord it over those entrusted into your care, but give them a worthy example to follow. 4 Then when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive a glorious crown that will never lose its radiant splendor.)

**96.** In these verses the apostle Peter is addressing the elders, the Christian leaders in the congregation. True or False. (chapter 5 verses 1-2)

97. Elders (i.e. shepherds of the local Churches equivalent to a “priest”) are to: a. feed the flock of God. b. take watchful care for the people of God. c. manage well. d. serve willingly. e. try to gain wealth from their position. (chapter 5 verse 2)

98. Elders are to lord over God’s people. True or False. (chapter 5 verses 3-4)

99. Elders must be an example to the congregation. True or False. (chapter 5 verses 3-4)

## 1 PETER CHAPTER 5 VERSES 5-7

**1PE 5: [5] In like manner, ye young men, be subject to the ancients. And do you all insinuate humility one to another, for God resisteth the proud, but to the humble he giveth grace. [6] Be you humbled therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in the time of visitation:**

**[7] Casting all your care upon him, for he hath care of you.**

**(5** And this word to you younger men: Submit yourselves to the leadership of those who are older than you. Yes, all of you should be submissive to one another. Be literally clothed with humility, because

*God works against those who are proud, but He wonderfully helps those who are humble*  
(Prov. 3:34)

**6** So be willing to take a low place under the mighty hand of God's leading, so that He may honor and elevate you at the proper time.

**7** Throw all your anxious cares upon Him, because He really cares about you.)

**100.** The New Testament and Old Testament elders were men who were older, full of wisdom from life's experiences, who walked in the way of righteousness. Peter now tells the younger people to learn from these men. True or False (chapter 5 verse 5)

**101.** God opposes the proud and haughty, but gives grace to the lowly and humble. True or False (chapter 5 verse 5)

**102.** We are to humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, for He is our Lord. True or False (chapter 5 verse 6)

**103.** We are to throw and place all our cares and anxiety upon the Lord, for He cares and continues to care for us. True or False (chapter 5 verse 7)

### **1 PETER CHAPTER 5 VERSES 8-11**

**1PE 5: [8] Be sober and watch: because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, goeth about seeking whom he may devour. [9] Whom resist ye, strong in faith: knowing that the same affliction befalls your brethren who are in the world. [10] But the God of all grace, who hath called us into his**

**eternal glory in Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a little, will himself perfect you, and confirm you, and establish you. [11] To him be glory and empire for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

**(8** Don't allow yourselves to be stupefied by the cares, profits, and pleasures of the world. Always be awake and alert, because your enemy, the devil, is constantly prowling around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to swallow up. **9** You must remain unyielding in resisting his temptations, and remain firm and steadfast concerning every teaching of the faith. Remember that your Christian brothers and sisters throughout the world are experiencing the same kind of sufferings that you are. **10** But after you have suffered a little while, may the God who has blessed us in so many ways, and who has called us through Christ Jesus to share His eternal glory, perfect, establish, strengthen, and make you firm and unwavering. **11** To Him be the glory and the great wisdom and power to rule forever and ever. So be it!)

**104.** As Christians we are to: a. not allow ourselves to be stupefied by cares, profits, and pleasures of the world. b. always be awake and alert because of our enemy (the devil). c. none of the above. (chapter 5 verse 8)

**105.** Our enemy the devil, seeks to locate and discover: a. whom he may devour. b. who he can swallow up. c. all of the above. (chapter 5 verse 8)

**106.** We are to remain unyielding in resisting: a. our mother-in-law. b. our wife. c. our husband. d. the devil and his temptations. (chapter 5 verse 9)

**107.** Christians are to remain steadfast and firm in every teaching of the Apostle's. True or False (chapter 5 verse 9; also Acts 2:42)

**108.** Christians will experience suffering in this world for righteousness sake. True or False (chapter 5 verse 9; also Matt. 5:10; 2 Tim. 3:12-13)

**109.** After we have suffered for a while, God will perfect, confirm, strengthen, establish and call us into His eternal

glory by Christ Jesus. True or False (chapter 5 verse 10)

**110.** To God belongs, glory, great wisdom and power to rule forever and ever. True or False (chapter 5 verse 11)

### **1 PETER CHAPTER 5 VERSES 12-14**

**1PE 5: [12] By Silvanus, a faithful brother unto you, as I think, I have written briefly: beseeching and testifying that this is the true grace of God, wherein you stand.**

**[13] The church that is in Babylon, elected together with you, saluteth you: and so doth my son Mark. [14] Salute one another with a holy kiss. Grace be to all you, who are in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

(12) I have written you this short letter by the hand of Silvanus, whom I consider a faithful brother, teaching you and bearing witness to the fact that the faith in which you have put your trust is indeed the truth from God. **13**

The Lord's followers here in Babylon, who are chosen by the Lord along with you, send their greetings. My son Mark also sends greetings.

**14** Greet one another in Christian love. May God's peace rest upon all of you who are His through Christ Jesus. So be it!

Most sincerely,  
Peter

**111.** Peter writing with the help of Silas, testifies that what he has written is a revelation of: a. the apostle's creed. b. missing letters to the Church. c. the true grace of God. (chapter 5 verse 12)

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