

Peter's First Letter

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Introduction

1 To the people who are dispersed throughout Pontus, Cappadocia, Roman Asia, and Bithynia,² and who were chosen in accordance with the foreknowledge of God the Father through the consecration of the Spirit to learn obedience, and to be purified by the sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ, from Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ. May blessing and peace be ever increasing to yours in the measure of the Christian's Hope of Salvation

3 Blessed is the God our Lord Jesus Christ, who has great mercy, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,⁴ given us the new life of undying hope, that promises inheritance, imperishable, stainless, unfading, which has been

reserved for you in heaven –⁵ for you who, through faith, are being guarded by the power of God, awaiting a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last days.⁶ At the thought of this you are full of exultation, though (if necessary) you have suffered for the moment from various trials;⁷ that the genuineness of your faith – a thing far more precious than gold, which is perishable, yet has been tested by fire – may win praise and glory and honour at the appearing of Jesus Christ.⁸ Though you have never seen him, yet love him; though you do not even see him, yet believe in him, and exalt with a triumphant happiness too great for words,⁹ as you receive the reward of your faith in the salvation of your souls!¹⁰

It|strong="G2532" was|strong="G3588" this|strong="G3588" salvation|strong="G4991" that|strong="G3739" the|strong="G2532" prophets|strong="G4396", who|strong="G3739" spoke|strong="H1696" long|strong="H0753" ago|strong="H7350" of|strong="G4012" the|strong="G2532" blessing|strong="G5485" intended|strong="H1819" for|strong="G1519" you|strong="G5210", sought|strong="G1567", and|strong="G2532" strove|strong="H5327" to|strong="G1519" comprehend|strong="H3045"; ¹¹ as|strong="G1519" they|strong="G2532" strove|strong="H5327" to|strong="G1519" discern|strong="H0995" what|strong="G5101" that|strong="G3588" time|strong="G2540" could|strong="G3588" be|strong="G2532", to|strong="G1519" which|strong="G3588" the|strong="G1722" Spirit|strong="G4151" of|strong="G4151" Christ|strong="G5547" within|strong="G1722" them|strong="G3588" was|strong="G3588" pointing|strong="H7971", when|strong="G2532" foretelling the|strong="G1722" sufferings|strong="G3804" that|strong="G3588" Christ|strong="G5547" would|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2532" to|strong="G1519" endure|strong="H5975", and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G1722" glories|strong="G1391" that|strong="G3588" would|strong="G2532" follow|strong="G3326". ¹² And|strong="G1161" it|strong="G3754" was|strong="G3588" revealed|strong="H1540" to|strong="G1519" them|strong="G3588" that|strong="G3754" it|strong="G3754" was|strong="G3588" not|strong="G3756" for|strong="G3754" themselves|strong="G1438", but|strong="G1161" for|strong="G3754" you|strong="G5210", that|strong="G3754" they|strong="G1161" were|strong="G3588" acting|strong="H4603" as|strong="G1519" Ministers|strong="H8334" of|strong="G4151" the|strong="G1722" truths which|strong="G3739" have|strong="G3748" now|strong="G1161" been|strong="G3568" told|strong="H5046" to|strong="G1519" you|strong="G5210", by|strong="G1223" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3739", with|strong="G1722" the|strong="G1722" help|strong="H5826" of|strong="G4151" the|strong="G1722" Holy|strong="G4151" Spirit|strong="G4151" sent|strong="G4151" from|strong="G3756" heaven|strong="G3772", have|strong="G3748" brought|strong="G2097" you|strong="G5210" the|strong="G1722" good|strong="G2097" news|strong="G2097" – truths into|strong="G1519" which|strong="G3739" even|strong="G1161" angels|strong="H4397" long|strong="G1937" to|strong="G1519" look|strong="G3879".

The|strong="G1722" Christian's Character|strong="H6965"

¹³Therefore|strong="G1352" concentrate your|strong="G1909" minds|strong="G1271", with|strong="G1722" the|strong="G1722" strictest self-control, and|strong="G2424" fix|strong="G1679" your|strong="G1909" hopes|strong="G1679" on|strong="G1909"

the|strong = "G1722" blessing|strong = "G5485" that|strong = "G3588"
 is|strong = "G3588" coming|strong = "H0935" for|strong = "G1909"
 you|strong = "G5210" at|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G1722"
 appearing|strong = "H7200" of|strong = "G5485" Jesus|strong = "G2424"
 Christ|strong = "G5547". ¹⁴ Be|strong = "G3361" like|strong = "G5613"
 obedient|strong = "G5218" children|strong = "G5043"; do|strong = "G3361"
 not|strong = "G3361" let|strong = "H7971" your|strong = "G1722"
 lives|strong = "H5315" be|strong = "G3361" shaped|strong = "H8246"
 by|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G1722" passions|strong = "G1939"
 which|strong = "G3588" once|strong = "H6471" swayed you|strong = "G5210"
 in|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G1722" days|strong = "H3117"
 of|strong = "G1722" your|strong = "G1722" ignorance|strong = "H7684", ¹⁵
 but|strong = "G2532" in|strong = "G1722" your|strong = "G2532"
 whole|strong = "G3956" life|strong = "H5315" show|strong = "G1096"
 yourselves|strong = "G4771" to|strong = "G2532" be|strong = "G1096"
 holy|strong = "H6944", after|strong = "G2596" the|strong = "G1722"
 pattern|strong = "H8403" of|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G1722"
 Holy|strong = "H6944" One|strong = "G3956" from|strong = "G2532"
 whom|strong = "G3588" you|strong = "G5210" received|strong = "H3947"
 your|strong = "G2532" call|strong = "G2564". ¹⁶ For|strong = "G1360"
 scripture|strong = "G1125" says|strong = "H0559" –

“ You|strong = "G1510" will|strong = "G1510" be|strong = "G1510"
 holy|strong = "H6944", because|strong = "G1360" I|strong = "G1473"
 am|strong = "G1510" holy|strong = "H6944".” ¹⁷ And|strong = "G2532"
 since|strong = "G2596" you|strong = "G5210" call|strong = "G1941"
 on|strong = "G1722" him|strong = "G3588" as|strong = "G1722"
 “Father|strong = "G3962”,” who|strong = "G3588" judges|strong = "G2919"
 everyone|strong = "G1538" impartially by|strong = "G1722"
 what|strong = "G3588" he|strong = "G2532" has|strong = "G3962"
 done|strong = "G2041”, let|strong = "G2919" respectful|strong = "G5401"
 awe|strong = "G5401" be|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G1722"
 spirit|strong = "G3588" of|strong = "G2532" your|strong = "G2532"
 lives|strong = "H5315" during|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G1722"
 time|strong = "G5550" of|strong = "G2532" your|strong = "G2532"
 stay|strong = "G3940" on|strong = "G1722" earth|strong = "G2532”. ¹⁸
 For|strong = "G3754" you|strong = "G5210" know|strong = "G1492"
 that|strong = "G3754" it|strong = "G3754" was|strong = "G3588"
 not|strong = "G3756" by|strong = "G1537" perishable|strong = "G5349"
 things|strong = "G3588”, such|strong = "G3588" as|strong = "G3754"
 silver|strong = "H3701" and|strong = "G3588" gold|strong = "G5553”,
 that|strong = "G3754" you|strong = "G5210" were|strong = "G3588"
 ransomed|strong = "H6299" from|strong = "G1537" the|strong = "G1537"
 aimless way|strong = "G1537" of|strong = "G1537" living|strong = "H2416"
 which|strong = "G3588" was|strong = "G3588" handed|strong = "H3027”

down|strong = "G1537" to|strong = "G3756" you|strong = "G5210"
 from|strong = "G1537" your|strong = "G3588" ancestors|strong = "H0001",
¹⁹ but|strong = "G2532" by|strong = "G2532" precious|strong = "G5093"
 blood|strong = "H1818", as|strong = "G5613" it|strong = "G2532"
 were|strong = "G2532" of|strong = "G2532" a|strong = "G5613"
 lamb|strong = "H3532", unblemished|strong = "H8549" and|strong = "G2532"
 spotless, the|strong = "G2532" blood|strong = "H1818" of|strong = "G2532"
 Christ|strong = "G5547". ²⁰ Destined|strong = "H3651" for|strong = "G1223"
 this|strong = "G3588" before|strong = "G4253" the|strong = "G1161"
 beginning|strong = "H7225" of|strong = "G1223" the|strong = "G1161"
 world|strong = "G2889", he|strong = "G1161" has|strong = "G2889"
 been|strong = "G5319" revealed|strong = "G5319" in|strong = "G1909"
 these|strong = "G3588" last|strong = "G2078" days|strong = "H3117"
 for|strong = "G1223" your|strong = "G1223" sakes|strong = "G1223", ²¹
 who|strong = "G3588", through|strong = "G1223" him|strong = "G3588",
 are|strong = "G1510" faithful|strong = "G4103" to|strong = "G1519"
 God|strong = "G2316" who|strong = "G3588" raised|strong = "G1453"
 him|strong = "G3588" from|strong = "G1537" the|strong = "G2532"
 dead|strong = "G3498" and|strong = "G2532" gave|strong = "G1325"
 him|strong = "G3588" honour|strong = "G1391", so|strong = "G2532"
 that|strong = "G3588" your|strong = "G1223" faith|strong = "G4102"
 and|strong = "G2532" hope|strong = "G1680" are|strong = "G1510"
 now|strong = "G2532" in|strong = "G1519" God|strong = "G2316".

22Now|strong = "G1722" that|strong = "G3588", by|strong = "G1722"
 your|strong = "G1722" obedience|strong = "G5218" to|strong = "G1519"
 the|strong = "G1722" truth|strong = "H0571", you|strong = "G5210"
 have|strong = "G5210" purified|strong = "H2891" your|strong = "G1722"
 lives|strong = "G5590", so|strong = "G1519" that|strong = "G3588"
 there|strong = "G1722" is|strong = "G3588" growing|strong = "G1722"
 up|strong = "G1519" among|strong = "G1722" you|strong = "G5210"
 a|strong = "G1519" genuine affection|strong = "H2836",
 love|strong = "G5360" one|strong = "G3588" another|strong = "G3588"
 earnestly|strong = "G1619" with|strong = "G1722" all|strong = "G1722"
 your|strong = "G1722" hearts|strong = "G2588"; ²³ since|strong = "G1537"
 your|strong = "G1223" new|strong = "H2319" life|strong = "G2198"
 has|strong = "G2316" come|strong = "G2532", not|strong = "G3756"
 from|strong = "G1537" perishable|strong = "G5349", but|strong = "G2532"
 imperishable, seed|strong = "G4701", through|strong = "G1223"
 the|strong = "G2532" message|strong = "G3056" of|strong = "G1537"
 the|strong = "G2532" Everliving God|strong = "G2316". ²⁴
 For|strong = "G1360" –

“ All|strong = "G3956" earthly|strong = "G4561" life|strong = "G4561"
 is|strong = "G3588" but|strong = "G2532" as|strong = "G5613”

grass|strong = "G5528",

a nd|strong = "G2532" all|strong = "G3956" its|strong = "G3956" splendour
as|strong = "G5613" the|strong = "G2532" flower|strong = "H6525"
of|strong = "G2532" grass|strong = "G5528".

T he|strong = "G2532" grass|strong = "G5528" fades|strong = "H5034",

i ts|strong = "G3956" flower|strong = "H6525" falls|strong = "G1601",

25but|strong = "G1161" the|strong = "G1519" teaching|strong = "G4487"
of|strong = "G2962" the|strong = "G1519" Lord|strong = "G2962"
remains|strong = "G3306" for|strong = "G1519" ever|strong = "G1519".
And|strong = "G1161" that|strong = "G3588" is|strong = "G1510"
the|strong = "G1519" teaching|strong = "G4487" of|strong = "G2962"
the|strong = "G1519" good|strong = "G2097" news|strong = "G2097"
which|strong = "G3588" has|strong = "G2962" been|strong = "G1510"
told|strong = "H5046" to|strong = "G1519" you|strong = "G5210".

2Now|strong = "G2532" that|strong = "G3956" you|strong = "G3956"
have|strong = "G2532" done|strong = "H6213" with|strong = "G2532"
all|strong = "G3956" malice|strong = "G2549", all|strong = "G3956"
deceitfulness|strong = "H8649", insincerity, jealous|strong = "H7065"
feelings|strong = "H3629", and|strong = "G2532" all|strong = "G3956"
backbiting|strong = "H5643", ² like|strong = "G5613"
newly|strong = "H7138" born|strong = "H3205" infants|strong = "G1025",
crave|strong = "H0183" pure|strong = "H2889" spiritual|strong = "G3050"
milk|strong = "G1051", so|strong = "G2443" that|strong = "G2443"
you|strong = "G1722" may|strong = "G2443" be|strong = "G1519"
enabled|strong = "H5414" by|strong = "G1722" it|strong = "G5613"
to|strong = "G1519" grow|strong = "H6779" until|strong = "G1519"
you|strong = "G1722" attain|strong = "H0935" salvation|strong = "G4991" –
³ since|strong = "G3754" "you|strong = "G1487" have|strong = "G3748"
found|strong = "H4672" by|strong = "G3588" experience|strong = "G1089"
that|strong = "G3754" the|strong = "G3588" Lord|strong = "G2962"
is|strong = "G3588" kind|strong = "G5543".⁴ Come|strong = "G4334"
to|strong = "G4314" him|strong = "G3739", then|strong = "G1161",
as|strong = "G1161" to|strong = "G4314" a|strong = "G1161"
living|strong = "G2198" stone|strong = "G3037", rejected|strong = "H3988",
indeed|strong = "G3303", by|strong = "G5259" men|strong = "G3739",
but|strong = "G1161" in|strong = "G2316" God's|strong = "G2316"
eyes|strong = "H5869" choice|strong = "G1588" and|strong = "G1161"
precious|strong = "G1784"; ⁵ and|strong = "G2532", as|strong = "G5613"
living|strong = "G2198" stones|strong = "G3037", form|strong = "H8389"

yourself|strong = "H5315" into|strong = "G1519" a|strong = "G5613" spiritual|strong = "G4152" house|strong = "G3624", to|strong = "G1519" be|strong = "G2532" a|strong = "G5613" consecrated|strong = "H6942" priesthood|strong = "G2406", for|strong = "G1519" the|strong = "G2532" offering|strong = "G2532" of|strong = "G1223" spiritual|strong = "G4152" sacrifices|strong = "G2378" that|strong = "G2532" will|strong = "G2316" be|strong = "G2532" acceptable|strong = "G2144" to|strong = "G1519" God|strong = "G2316" through|strong = "G1223" Jesus|strong = "G2424" Christ|strong = "G5547". ⁶ For|strong = "G1909" there|strong = "G2532" is|strong = "G3588" a|strong = "G2532" passage|strong = "H4569" of|strong = "G2532" scripture|strong = "G1124" that|strong = "G3588" runs|strong = "H7323" –

“ See|strong = "G3708", I|strong = "G2532" am|strong = "G2532" placing|strong = "G5087" in|strong = "G1722" Zion|strong = "G4622" a|strong = "G2532" choice|strong = "G1588" and|strong = "G2532" precious|strong = "G1784" cornerstone|strong = "H6438”;

a nd|strong = "G2532" those|strong = "G3588" who|strong = "G3588" believe|strong = "G4100" in|strong = "G1722" him|strong = "G3588" will|strong = "G2532" have|strong = "G2532" no|strong = "G3756" cause|strong = "G3588" for|strong = "G1909" shame|strong = "G2617”.” ⁷
 It|strong = "G2532" is|strong = "G3588" to|strong = "G1519" you|strong = "G5210", then|strong = "G3767”, who|strong = "G3739" believe|strong = "G4100" in|strong = "G1519" him|strong = "G3588" that|strong = "G3739" he|strong = "G2532" is|strong = "G3588" precious|strong = "G5092”, but|strong = "G1161” to|strong = "G1519" those|strong = "G3588" who|strong = "G3739" do|strong = "G1096" not|strong = "G3739" believe|strong = "G4100" he|strong = "G2532" is|strong = "G3588” “a|strong = "G1096” stone|strong = "G3037” which|strong = "G3739”, though|strong = "G2532” rejected|strong = "H3988” by|strong = "G2532” the|strong = "G2532” builders|strong = "G3618”, has|strong = "G3739” now|strong = "G1161” itself|strong = "H0905” become|strong = "G1096” the|strong = "G2532” corner-stone,” ⁸
 and|strong = "G2532” “a|strong = "G2532” stumbling-block, and|strong = "G2532” a|strong = "G2532” rock|strong = "G4073” which|strong = "G3739” will|strong = "G2532” prove|strong = "H5254” a|strong = "G2532” hindrance.” They|strong = "G2532” stumble|strong = "G4350” because|strong = "G2532” they|strong = "G2532” do|strong = "G2532” not|strong = "G3739” accept|strong = "H7521” the|strong = "G2532” message|strong = "G3056”. This|strong = "G3588” was|strong = "G3588” the|strong = "G2532” fate|strong = "H4745” destined|strong = "G5087” for|strong = "G1519” them|strong = "G3588”.” ⁹
 But|strong = "G1161” you|strong = "G5210” are|strong = "G3588” “a|strong = "G1519” chosen|strong = "G1588” people|strong = "G2992”,

a|strong = "G1519" royal|strong = "H4438" priesthood|strong = "G2406",
a|strong = "G1519" consecrated|strong = "H6942" nation|strong = "G1484",
God's|strong = "H0430" own|strong = "H1961" people|strong = "G2992",
entrusted|strong = "H6485" with|strong = "G1537" the|strong = "G1519"
proclamation|strong = "H6963" of|strong = "G1537" the|strong = "G1519"
goodness|strong = "H2898" of|strong = "G1537" him|strong = "G3588"
who|strong = "G3588" called|strong = "G2564" you|strong = "G5210"
out|strong = "G1537" of|strong = "G1537" darkness|strong = "G4655"
into|strong = "G1519" his|strong = "G1519" wonderful|strong = "H6381"
light|strong = "G5457". ¹⁰ Once|strong = "G4218" you|strong = "G3739"
were|strong = "G3588" "not|strong = "G3756" a|strong = "G1161"
people|strong = "G2992", " but|strong = "G1161" now|strong = "G1161"
you|strong = "G3739" are|strong = "G3588" "God's|strong = "G2316"
people|strong = "G2992"; once|strong = "G4218" you|strong = "G3739"
"had|strong = "G2316" not|strong = "G3756" found|strong = "G1653"
mercy|strong = "G1653", " but|strong = "G1161" now|strong = "G1161"
you|strong = "G3739" "have|strong = "G1653" found|strong = "G1653"
mercy|strong = "G1653"."

Practical Appeals in|strong = "G2316" view|strong = "H7200"
of|strong = "G2316" the|strong = "G1161" Dangers|strong = "H7451"
of|strong = "G2316" the|strong = "G1161" Times|strong = "G4218".

11Dear|strong = "H3357" friends|strong = "H7453", I|strong = "G2532"
beg|strong = "G3870" you|strong = "G2532", as|strong = "G5613"
pilgrims|strong = "G3927" and|strong = "G2532" strangers|strong = "G3927"
on|strong = "G2596" earth|strong = "G2532", to|strong = "G2532"
refrain|strong = "H2308" from|strong = "G2532" indulging|strong = "H4900"
the|strong = "G2532" cravings of|strong = "G2532" your|strong = "G2532"
earthly nature, for|strong = "G2532" they|strong = "G2532"
make|strong = "G2532" war|strong = "G4754" on|strong = "G2596"
the|strong = "G2532" soul|strong = "G5590". ¹² Let|strong = "G2443"
your|strong = "G2192" daily|strong = "G2250" life|strong = "H5315"
among|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G1722" Gentiles|strong = "G1484"
be|strong = "G2316" so|strong = "G2443" upright|strong = "H3477",
that|strong = "G2443", whenever|strong = "G5613" they|strong = "G3588"
malign you|strong = "G5210" as|strong = "G5613"
evildoers|strong = "G2555", they|strong = "G3588" may|strong = "G2443"
learn|strong = "H3925", as|strong = "G5613" they|strong = "G3588"
watch|strong = "H8104", from|strong = "G1537" the|strong = "G1722"
uprightness|strong = "H3476" of|strong = "G1537" your|strong = "G2192"
conduct|strong = "G2041", to|strong = "G2443" praise|strong = "G1392"
God|strong = "G2316" "at|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G1722"
time|strong = "G2250" when|strong = "G5613" he|strong = "G3739"
will|strong = "G2316" visit|strong = "H6485" them|strong = "G3588"."

13 Submit to all human institutions for the sake of Lord's sake, alike to the emperor as the supreme authority, ¹⁴ and to governors as sent by him to punish evildoers and to commend those who do right. ¹⁵ For God's will is that this silence of ignorance of foolish people by what is right. ¹⁶ Act as free people, yet not using your freedom as those do who cloak their wickedness, but as Servants of God. ¹⁷ Show everyone love, the Lord's followers, "revere God, honour the emperor."

18 Those who are domestic servants should always be respectful to their masters, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are arbitrary. ¹⁹ For this wins God's approval when conscious of God's

presence|strong = "G1223", a|strong = "G1487" person|strong = "G5100" who|strong = "G2316" is|strong = "G2316" suffering|strong = "G3958" unjustly|strong = "H5766" bears|strong = "G5297" their|strong = "G1223" troubles|strong = "H6869" patiently|strong = "H6960". ²⁰

What|strong = "G4169" credit|strong = "G5485" can|strong = "G1063" you|strong = "G1487" claim|strong = "H0589" when|strong = "G2532", after|strong = "G2532" doing|strong = "G3844" wrong|strong = "H7451", you|strong = "G1487" take|strong = "G2316" your|strong = "G2532" punishment|strong = "H5771" for|strong = "G1063" it|strong = "G2532" patiently|strong = "G5278"? But|strong = "G2532", on|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532" other|strong = "H0312" hand|strong = "H3027", if|strong = "G1487", after|strong = "G2532" doing|strong = "G3844" right|strong = "H3225", you|strong = "G1487" take|strong = "G2316" your|strong = "G2532" sufferings|strong = "G3958" patiently|strong = "G5278", that|strong = "G2532" does|strong = "G2316" win|strong = "H6743" the|strong = "G2532" approval|strong = "H3068" of|strong = "G2316" God|strong = "G2316". ²¹ For|strong = "G1063" it|strong = "G2532" was|strong = "G3588" to|strong = "G1519" this|strong = "G3778" that|strong = "G3754" you|strong = "G5210" were|strong = "G3588" called|strong = "G2564"! For|strong = "G1063" Christ|strong = "G5547", too|strong = "G2532", suffered|strong = "G3958" – on|strong = "G1519" your|strong = "G2532" behalf|strong = "G5228" – and|strong = "G2532" left|strong = "H7604" you|strong = "G5210" an|strong = "G2532" example|strong = "G5261", that|strong = "G3754" you|strong = "G5210" should|strong = "G3588" follow|strong = "G1872" in|strong = "G1519" his|strong = "G1519" steps|strong = "G2487". ²²

He|strong = "G3739" "never|strong = "G3756" sinned|strong = "H2398", nor|strong = "G3761" was|strong = "G3588" anything|strong = "H3605" deceitful|strong = "H4820" ever|strong = "G3756" heard|strong = "H8085" from|strong = "G3756" his|strong = "G1722" lips|strong = "G4750". ²³

He|strong = "G1161" was|strong = "G3588" abused|strong = "H5953", but|strong = "G1161" he|strong = "G1161" did|strong = "G3588" not|strong = "G3756" answer|strong = "H6030" with|strong = "G3756" abuse|strong = "H5953"; he|strong = "G1161" suffered|strong = "G3958", but|strong = "G1161" he|strong = "G1161" did|strong = "G3588" not|strong = "G3756" threaten|strong = "H1696"; he|strong = "G1161" entrusted|strong = "G3860" himself|strong = "H5315" to|strong = "G3756" him|strong = "G3588" whose|strong = "G3739" judgments|strong = "G2919" are|strong = "G3588" just|strong = "G3739". ²⁴ And|strong = "G4983" he|strong = "G3739" "himself|strong = "H5315" carried|strong = "H5375" our|strong = "G1722" sins|strong = "H2403" in|strong = "G1722" his|strong = "G1909" own|strong = "H1961" body|strong = "G4983" to|strong = "G2443" the|strong = "G1722" cross|strong = "G3586", so|strong = "G2443" that|strong = "G2443" we|strong = "G2249" might|strong = "G1473" die|strong = "H4191" to|strong = "G2443" our|strong = "G1722" sins|strong = "H2403", and|strong = "G4983"

live|strong = "G2198" for|strong = "G1909" righteousness|strong = "G1343".
 "His|strong = "G1909" bruising|strong = "H6213" was|strong = "G3588"
 your|strong = "G1909" healing|strong = "G2390".²⁵
 Once|strong = "H6471" you|strong = "G5210" were|strong = "G1510"
 straying|strong = "G4105" like|strong = "G5613" sheep|strong = "G4263",
 but|strong = "G2532" now|strong = "G3568" you|strong = "G5210"
 have|strong = "G2532" returned|strong = "G1994" to|strong = "G2532"
 the|strong = "G2532" shepherd|strong = "G4166" and|strong = "G2532"
 guardian|strong = "G1985" of|strong = "G2532" your|strong = "G2532"
 souls|strong = "G5590".

3Again|strong = "G2532", you|strong = "G1487" married|strong = "G1135"
 women|strong = "G1135" should|strong = "G5100" submit|strong = "G5293"
 to|strong = "G2443" your|strong = "G1223" husbands|strong = "H1167",
 so|strong = "G2443" that|strong = "G2443" if|strong = "G1487"
 any|strong = "G5100" of|strong = "G3056" them|strong = "G3588"
 reject|strong = "H3988" the|strong = "G2532" message|strong = "G3056",
 they|strong = "G2532" may|strong = "G2532", apart|strong = "G2398"
 from|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532" message|strong = "G3056",
 be|strong = "G2532" won|strong = "G2770" over|strong = "G1223",
 by|strong = "G1223" the|strong = "G2532" conduct|strong = "H1870"
 of|strong = "G3056" their|strong = "G2532" wives|strong = "G1135",²
 as|strong = "G1722" they|strong = "G3588" see|strong = "H7200"
 your|strong = "G1722" pure|strong = "H2889", reverent
 conduct|strong = "H1870".³ Yours|strong = "H4191"
 should|strong = "G3588" be|strong = "G1510", not|strong = "G3756"
 the|strong = "G2532" external|strong = "G1855" adornment|strong = "G2889"
 of|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532" arrangement|strong = "H4339"
 of|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532" hair|strong = "G2359",
 the|strong = "G2532" wearing|strong = "G4025" of|strong = "G2532"
 jewellery, or|strong = "G2228" the|strong = "G2532"
 putting|strong = "G1745" on|strong = "G1745" of|strong = "G2532"
 dresses|strong = "G2440",⁴ but|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G1722"
 inner|strong = "H6442" life|strong = "G4151" with|strong = "G1722"
 the|strong = "G1722" imperishable beauty|strong = "H3308"
 of|strong = "G4151" a|strong = "G2532" quiet|strong = "G2272"
 and|strong = "G2532" gentle|strong = "G4239" spirit|strong = "G4151";
 for|strong = "G1722" this|strong = "G3588" is|strong = "G1510"
 very|strong = "G2532" precious|strong = "G4185" in|strong = "G1722"
 God's|strong = "G2316" sight|strong = "G1799".⁵ It|strong = "G2532"
 was|strong = "G3588" by|strong = "G2532" this|strong = "G3588"
 that|strong = "G3588" the|strong = "G2532" holy|strong = "H6944"
 women|strong = "G1135" of|strong = "G2316" old|strong = "G2532",
 who|strong = "G3588" rested|strong = "H5117" their|strong = "G1438"
 hopes|strong = "G1679" on|strong = "G1519" God|strong = "G2316",

adorned|strong = "G2885" themselves|strong = "G1438";
submitting|strong = "G5293" to|strong = "G1519" their|strong = "G1438"
husbands|strong = "H1167", ⁶ as|strong = "G5613" Sarah|strong = "G4564"
did|strong = "G2532", who|strong = "G3739" obeyed|strong = "G5219"
Abraham|strong = "H0085", and|strong = "G2532" called|strong = "G2564"
him|strong = "G3588" master|strong = "G2962". And|strong = "G2532"
you|strong = "G3739" are|strong = "G3588" her|strong = "G3588"
true|strong = "G3588" children|strong = "G5043", as|strong = "G5613"
long|strong = "H0753" as|strong = "G5613" you|strong = "G3739"
live|strong = "G2532" good|strong = "G3588" lives|strong = "H5315",
and|strong = "G2532" let|strong = "G1096" nothing|strong = "G3367"
terrify|strong = "H1204" you|strong = "G3739".

7Again|strong = "G1519", those|strong = "G3588" of|strong = "G2532"
you|strong = "G5210" who|strong = "G3588" are|strong = "G3588"
married|strong = "H3947" men|strong = "G3588" should|strong = "G3588"
live|strong = "G2532" considerably with|strong = "G2532"
their|strong = "G2532" wives|strong = "G5613", showing|strong = "H6213"
due|strong = "G2596" regard|strong = "G1519" to|strong = "G1519"
their|strong = "G2532" sex|strong = "H7901", as|strong = "G5613" physically
weaker|strong = "H1800" than|strong = "G2532" their|strong = "G2532"
own|strong = "H1961", and|strong = "G2532" not|strong = "G3361"
forgetting|strong = "H7911" that|strong = "G3588" they|strong = "G2532"
share|strong = "H2506" with|strong = "G2532" you|strong = "G5210"
in|strong = "G1519" the|strong = "G2532" gift|strong = "G5485"
of|strong = "G2532" life|strong = "G2222". Then|strong = "G2532"
you|strong = "G5210" will|strong = "G2532" be|strong = "G2532"
able|strong = "H3201" to|strong = "G1519" pray|strong = "H6419"
without|strong = "G3361" hindrance.

8Lastly, you|strong = "G3956" should|strong = "G3588"
all|strong = "G3956" be|strong = "G3956" united|strong = "H3161",
sympathetic|strong = "G4835", full|strong = "G3956" of|strong = "G3956"
love|strong = "H0157" for|strong = "G1161" each|strong = "H0376"
other|strong = "G1161", kind-hearted, humble-minded; ⁹
never|strong = "G3361" returning|strong = "H7725" evil|strong = "G2556"
for|strong = "G3754" evil|strong = "G2556", or|strong = "G2228"
abuse|strong = "H5953" for|strong = "G3754" abuse|strong = "H5953",
but|strong = "G1161", on|strong = "G1519" the|strong = "G1519"
contrary|strong = "G5121", blessing|strong = "G2129". It|strong = "G3754"
was|strong = "G3748" to|strong = "G1519" this|strong = "G3778"
that|strong = "G3754" you|strong = "G3754" were|strong = "G3778"
called|strong = "G2564" – to|strong = "G1519" obtain|strong = "H5381"
a|strong = "G1519" blessing|strong = "G2129"!

10 “The person who wants to enjoy life

and see happy days –

they should keep their tongue from evil

and their lips from deceitful words,

11 they should turn from evil and do good,

They should seek for peace and follow after it;

12 For the eyes of the Lord are righteous,

and his ears are attentive to their prayers,

but the face of the Lord is set against those who do wrong.”

13 Who, indeed, is there you prove be eager for what

Even|strong = "G2532" if|strong = "G1487" you|strong = "G1487"
 should|strong = "G3588" suffer|strong = "G3958" for|strong = "G1223"
 righteousness|strong = "G1343", count|strong = "H5608"
 yourselves|strong = "H5315" blessed|strong = "G3107"! "Do|strong = "G2532"
 not|strong = "G3361" let|strong = "G1161" people|strong = "G3361"
 terrify|strong = "H1204" you|strong = "G1487", or|strong = "G2532"
 allow|strong = "H5414" yourselves|strong = "H5315" to|strong = "G2532"
 be|strong = "G2532" dismayed|strong = "H2865".¹⁵
 Revere|strong = "H3372" the|strong = "G1722" Christ|strong = "G5547"
 as|strong = "G1722" Lord|strong = "G2962" in|strong = "G1722"
 your|strong = "G2962" hearts|strong = "G2588"; always|strong = "G3956"
 ready|strong = "G2092" to|strong = "G4314" give|strong = "G3956"
 an|strong = "G2532" answer|strong = "G3056" to|strong = "G4314"
 anyone|strong = "G3956" who|strong = "G3588" asks|strong = "H7592"
 your|strong = "G2962" reason|strong = "G3056" for|strong = "G4012"
 the|strong = "G1722" hope|strong = "G1680" that|strong = "G3588"
 you|strong = "G5210" cherish|strong = "H2436", but|strong = "G1161"
 giving|strong = "H5414" it|strong = "G2532" with|strong = "G3326"
 courtesy|strong = "G4240" and|strong = "G2532" respect|strong = "G3956",
¹⁶ and|strong = "G2532" keeping|strong = "G2192" your|strong = "G2192"
 consciences|strong = "G4893" clear|strong = "H5352", so|strong = "G2443"
 that|strong = "G2443", whenever|strong = "H3605" you|strong = "G5210"
 are|strong = "G3588" maligned, those|strong = "G3588"
 who|strong = "G3739" vilify your|strong = "G2192" good|strong = "G3588"
 and|strong = "G2532" Christian conduct|strong = "H1870"
 may|strong = "G2532" be|strong = "G2532" put|strong = "G2617"
 to|strong = "G2443" shame|strong = "G2617".¹⁷ It|strong = "G1063"
 is|strong = "G3588" better|strong = "G2909" that|strong = "G3588"
 you|strong = "G1487" should|strong = "G2316" suffer|strong = "G3958",
 if|strong = "G1487" that|strong = "G3588" should|strong = "G2316"
 be|strong = "G2316" God's|strong = "G2316" will|strong = "G2307",
 for|strong = "G1063" doing|strong = "G2554" right|strong = "H3225",
 than|strong = "G2228" for|strong = "G1063" doing|strong = "G2554"
 wrong|strong = "G2554".¹⁸ For|strong = "G3754" Christ|strong = "G5547"
 himself|strong = "H5315" died|strong = "G2289" to|strong = "G2443"
 atone|strong = "H3722" for|strong = "G3754" sins|strong = "H2403"
 once|strong = "H6471" for|strong = "G3754" all|strong = "G2532" –
 the|strong = "G2532" good|strong = "G3588" on|strong = "G5228"
 behalf|strong = "G5228" of|strong = "G4012" the|strong = "G2532"
 bad|strong = "H7451" – that|strong = "G3754" he|strong = "G2532"
 might|strong = "G2532" bring|strong = "G4317" you|strong = "G5210"
 to|strong = "G2443" God|strong = "G2316"; his|strong = "G4012"
 body|strong = "G4561" being|strong = "G2532" put|strong = "G2289"
 to|strong = "G2443" death|strong = "G2289", but|strong = "G1161"
 his|strong = "G4012" spirit|strong = "G4151" entering|strong = "G1161"
 on|strong = "G5228" new|strong = "H2319" life|strong = "G2227".¹⁹

And|strong="G2532" it|strong="G2532" was|strong="G3588"
 then|strong="G2532" that|strong="G3739" he|strong="G2532"
 went|strong="G4198" and|strong="G2532" preached|strong="G2784"
 to|strong="G2532" the|strong="G1722" imprisoned|strong="H0631"
 spirits|strong="G4151", ²⁰ who|strong="G3739" once|strong="G4218"
 were|strong="G1510" disobedient|strong="H4784", at|strong="G1722"
 the|strong="G1722" time|strong="G2250" when|strong="G3753"
 God|strong="G2316" patiently|strong="G3115" waited|strong="H3176",
 in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G1722" days|strong="G2250"
 of|strong="G2250" Noah|strong="G3575", while|strong="G1722"
 the|strong="G1722" ark|strong="G2787" was|strong="G1510"
 being|strong="G1510" prepared|strong="G2680"; in|strong="G1722"
 which|strong="G3739" some|strong="G3739" few|strong="G3641"
 lives|strong="G5590", eight|strong="G3638" in|strong="G1722"
 all|strong="G1722", were|strong="G1510" saved|strong="G1295"
 by|strong="G1223" means|strong="G1510" of|strong="G2250"
 water|strong="G5204". ²¹ And|strong="G2532" baptism,
 which|strong="G3739" this|strong="G3739" foreshadowed,
 now|strong="G3568" saves|strong="G4982" you|strong="G5210" –
 not|strong="G3756" the|strong="G2532" mere|strong="H1892"
 cleansing|strong="H2893" of|strong="G1223" the|strong="G2532"
 body|strong="G4561", but|strong="G2532" the|strong="G2532"
 search|strong="H2713" of|strong="G1223" a|strong="G2532"
 clear|strong="H5352" conscience|strong="G4893" after|strong="G1223"
 God|strong="G2316" – through|strong="G1223" the|strong="G2532"
 resurrection of|strong="G1223" Jesus|strong="G2424"
 Christ|strong="G5547", ²² who|strong="G3739" has|strong="G2316"
 gone|strong="G4198" into|strong="G1519" heaven|strong="G3772",
 and|strong="G2532" is|strong="G1510" at|strong="G1722"
 God's|strong="G2316" right|strong="G1188" hand|strong="G1188",
 where|strong="G3739" angels|strong="H4397" and|strong="G2532"
 archangels and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G1722"
 powers|strong="G1411" of|strong="G2316" heaven|strong="G3772"
 now|strong="G2532" yield|strong="H5414" submission|strong="H1844"
 to|strong="G1519" him|strong="G3739".

4Since|strong="G3754", then|strong="G3767", Christ|strong="G5547"
 suffered|strong="G3958" in|strong="G2532" body|strong="G4561",
 arm|strong="G3695" yourselves|strong="G4771" with|strong="G2532"
 the|strong="G2532" same|strong="G2532" resolve as|strong="G2532"
 he|strong="G2532"; for|strong="G3754" he|strong="G2532"
 who|strong="G3588" has|strong="G5547" suffered|strong="G3958"
 in|strong="G2532" body|strong="G4561" has|strong="G5547"
 ceased|strong="G3973" to|strong="G2532" sin|strong="H2403", ²
 and|strong="G2316" so|strong="G1519" will|strong="G2307"

live|strong="H3427" the|strong="G1722" rest|strong="G1954" of|strong="G2316" his|strong="G1519" earthly|strong="G4561" life|strong="G4561" guided|strong="H5148", not|strong="G3371" by|strong="G1722" human|strong="G4561" passions|strong="G1939", but|strong="G2316" by|strong="G1722" the|strong="G1722" will|strong="G2307" of|strong="G2316" God|strong="G2316". ³ Surely|strong="H4191" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G1722" past|strong="G3928" you|strong="G1722" have|strong="G2532" spent|strong="H3885" time|strong="G5550" enough|strong="H1767" living|strong="H2416" as|strong="G1722" the|strong="G1722" Gentiles|strong="G1484" delight|strong="H2654" to|strong="G2532" live|strong="G2532". For|strong="G1063" your|strong="G2532" path|strong="H0734" has|strong="G2532" lain|strong="H7901" among|strong="G1722" scenes of|strong="G2532" debauchery, licentiousness, drunkenness|strong="G3632", revelry, hard-drinking, and|strong="G2532" profane|strong="H2490" idolatry|strong="G1495". ⁴ And|strong="G3588", because|strong="G1722" you|strong="G5210" do|strong="G3361" not|strong="G3361" run|strong="G4936" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G1722" same|strong="G3739" extremes of|strong="G1722" profligacy as|strong="G1519" others|strong="G3588", they|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3588" astonished|strong="H8074", and|strong="G3588" malign you|strong="G5210". ⁵ But|strong="G2532" they|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2192" to|strong="G2532" answer|strong="G3056" for|strong="G2532" their|strong="G2532" conduct|strong="H1870" to|strong="G2532" him|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3739" is|strong="G3588" ready|strong="G2093" to|strong="G2532" judge|strong="G2919" both|strong="G2532" the|strong="G2532" living|strong="G2198" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G2532" dead|strong="G3498". ⁶ For|strong="G1063" that|strong="G2443" was|strong="G2532" why|strong="G1063" the|strong="G2532" good|strong="G2097" news|strong="G2097" was|strong="G2532" told|strong="H5046" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G2532" dead|strong="G3498" also|strong="G2532" – that|strong="G2443", after|strong="G2596" they|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2532" been|strong="G2532" judged|strong="G2919" in|strong="G1519" the|strong="G2532" body|strong="G4561", as|strong="G1519" people|strong="G4561" are|strong="G3778" judged|strong="G2919", they|strong="G2532" might|strong="G2532" live|strong="G2198" in|strong="G1519" the|strong="G2532" spirit|strong="G4151", as|strong="G1519" God|strong="G2316" lives|strong="G2198".

⁷But|strong="G1161" the|strong="G2532" end|strong="G5056" of|strong="G2532" all|strong="G3956" things|strong="G3956" is|strong="G3588" near|strong="G1448". Therefore|strong="G3767"

exercise|strong = "H6213" self-restraint and|strong = "G2532"
 be|strong = "G2532" calm|strong = "H8367", so|strong = "G3767"
 that|strong = "G3588" you|strong = "G3956" may|strong = "G2532"
 be|strong = "G2532" able|strong = "H3201" to|strong = "G1519"
 pray|strong = "H6419". ⁸ Above|strong = "G4253" all|strong = "G3956"
 things|strong = "G3956", let|strong = "G2192" your|strong = "G2192"
 love|strong = "H0157" for|strong = "G3754" one|strong = "G3956"
 another|strong = "G1438" be|strong = "G3956" earnest|strong = "H8085",
 for|strong = "G3754" "Love|strong = "H0157" throws|strong = "H7993"
 a|strong = "G2192" veil|strong = "H6532" over|strong = "G1519"
 countless|strong = "H0369" sins|strong = "H2403". ⁹
 Never|strong = "H3808" grudge|strong = "H7852"
 hospitality|strong = "G5382" to|strong = "G1519" one|strong = "G1519"
 another|strong = "H0312". ¹⁰ Whatever|strong = "H3605"
 the|strong = "G1519" gift|strong = "G5486" that|strong = "G1519"
 each|strong = "G1538" has|strong = "G2316" received|strong = "G2983",
 use|strong = "H4399" it|strong = "G2531" in|strong = "G1519"
 the|strong = "G1519" service|strong = "H5656" of|strong = "G2316"
 others|strong = "H0312", as|strong = "G5613" good|strong = "G2570"
 stewards|strong = "G3623" of|strong = "G2316" the|strong = "G1519"
 varied|strong = "G4164" bounty|strong = "H3027" of|strong = "G2316"
 God|strong = "G2316". ¹¹ When|strong = "G5613" anyone|strong = "G5100"
 speaks|strong = "G2980", they|strong = "G2532" should|strong = "G5100"
 speak|strong = "G2980" as|strong = "G5613" one|strong = "G5100"
 who|strong = "G3739" is|strong = "G1510" delivering|strong = "H6680"
 the|strong = "G1722" oracles|strong = "G3051" of|strong = "G1537"
 God|strong = "G2316". When|strong = "G5613" anyone|strong = "G5100"
 is|strong = "G1510" endeavouring to|strong = "G1519"
 serve|strong = "G1247" others|strong = "G3588", they|strong = "G2532"
 should|strong = "G5100" do|strong = "G2532" so|strong = "G2443"
 in|strong = "G1722" reliance on|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G1722"
 strength|strong = "G2479" which|strong = "G3739" God|strong = "G2316"
 supplies|strong = "G5524"; so|strong = "G2443" that|strong = "G2443"
 in|strong = "G1722" everything|strong = "G3956" God|strong = "G2316"
 may|strong = "G2532" be|strong = "G1510" honoured|strong = "G1392"
 through|strong = "G1223" Jesus|strong = "G2424" Christ|strong = "G5547" –
 to|strong = "G1519" whom|strong = "G3739" be|strong = "G1510"
 ascribed|strong = "H5414" all|strong = "G3956" honour|strong = "G1391"
 and|strong = "G2532" might|strong = "G2479" for|strong = "G1519"
 ever|strong = "G1519" and|strong = "G2532" ever|strong = "G1519".
 Amen|strong = "H0543".

12Dear|strong = "H3357" friends|strong = "H7453", do|strong = "G1096"
 not|strong = "G3361" be|strong = "G1096" astonished|strong = "H8074"
 at|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G1722" trial|strong = "G3986"

of|strong = "G1722" fire|strong = "H0784" that|strong = "G3588"
you|strong = "G5210" are|strong = "G3588" passing|strong = "H5674"
through|strong = "G1722", to|strong = "G4314" test|strong = "H5254"
you|strong = "G5210", as|strong = "G5613" though|strong = "G5613"
something|strong = "H1697" strange|strong = "G3581" were|strong = "G3588"
happening|strong = "G1096" to|strong = "G4314" you|strong = "G5210". ¹³
No|strong = "G2532", the|strong = "G1722" more|strong = "G2532"
you|strong = "G1722" share|strong = "G2841" the|strong = "G1722"
sufferings|strong = "G3804" of|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G1722"
Christ|strong = "G5547", the|strong = "G1722" more|strong = "G2532"
may|strong = "G2532" you|strong = "G1722" rejoice|strong = "G5463",
that|strong = "G2443", when|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G1722"
time|strong = "G1722" comes|strong = "G2532" for|strong = "G1722"
the|strong = "G1722" manifestation of|strong = "G2532" his|strong = "G1722"
glory|strong = "G1391", you|strong = "G1722" may|strong = "G2532"
rejoice|strong = "G5463" and|strong = "G2532" exult|strong = "H5937". ¹⁴
If|strong = "G1487" you|strong = "G5210" are|strong = "G3588"
insulted|strong = "H3637" for|strong = "G3754" bearing|strong = "H5375"
the|strong = "G1722" name|strong = "G3686" of|strong = "G4151"
Christ|strong = "G5547", count|strong = "H5608"
yourselves|strong = "G4771" blessed|strong = "G3107";
because|strong = "G3754" the|strong = "G1722" divine|strong = "H7080"
glory|strong = "G1391" and|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G1722"
Spirit|strong = "G4151" of|strong = "G4151" God|strong = "G2316"
are|strong = "G3588" resting|strong = "H4496" on|strong = "G1909"
you|strong = "G5210". ¹⁵ I|strong = "G1063" need|strong = "H4270"
hardly|strong = "H0389" say|strong = "H0559" that|strong = "G3361"
no|strong = "G3361" one|strong = "G5100" among|strong = "H8432"
you|strong = "G5210" must|strong = "G5100" suffer|strong = "G3958"
as|strong = "G5613" a|strong = "G5613" murderer|strong = "G5406",
or|strong = "G2228" a|strong = "G5613" thief|strong = "G2812",
or|strong = "G2228" a|strong = "G5613" criminal|strong = "G2555",
or|strong = "G2228" for|strong = "G1063" interfering in|strong = "G1063"
matters|strong = "H1697" which|strong = "G5100" do|strong = "G3361"
not|strong = "G3361" concern|strong = "H3045" Christians. ¹⁶
But|strong = "G1161", if|strong = "G1487" someone|strong = "H0376"
suffers|strong = "H6001" as|strong = "G5613" a|strong = "G5613"
Christian|strong = "G5546", they|strong = "G1161" should|strong = "G2316"
not|strong = "G3361" be|strong = "G3361" ashamed|strong = "H0954"
of|strong = "G2316" it|strong = "G1161"; they|strong = "G1161"
should|strong = "G2316" bring|strong = "H0935" honour|strong = "G1392"
to|strong = "G1722" God|strong = "G2316" even|strong = "G1161"
though|strong = "G5613" they|strong = "G1161" bear|strong = "H5375"
that|strong = "G3588" name|strong = "G3686". ¹⁷ For|strong = "G3754"
the|strong = "G1161" time|strong = "G2540" has|strong = "G2316"
come|strong = "H0935" for|strong = "G3754" judgment|strong = "G2917"

to|strong = "G1161" begin|strong = "H2490" with|strong = "G2316"
 the|strong = "G1161" house|strong = "G3624" of|strong = "G2316"
 God|strong = "G2316"; and|strong = "G1161", if|strong = "G1487"
 it|strong = "G3754" begins|strong = "H0935" with|strong = "G2316"
 us|strong = "G2249", what|strong = "G5101" will|strong = "G2316"
 be|strong = "G2316" the|strong = "G1161" end|strong = "G5056"
 of|strong = "G2316" those|strong = "G3588" who|strong = "G5101"
 reject|strong = "H3988" God's|strong = "G2316" good|strong = "G5101"
 news|strong = "G2098"? ¹⁸ If|strong = "G1487" "a|strong = "G2532"
 good|strong = "G3588" person|strong = "G1342" is|strong = "G3588"
 saved|strong = "G4982" only|strong = "G1487" with|strong = "G2532"
 difficulty|strong = "G3433", what|strong = "G3588" will|strong = "G2532"
 become|strong = "G5316" of|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532"
 godless|strong = "H2611" and|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532"
 sinful|strong = "H2400"? ¹⁹ Therefore|strong = "G5620",
 I|strong = "G2532" say|strong = "G2532", let|strong = "G3958"
 those|strong = "G3588" who|strong = "G3588" suffer|strong = "G3958",
 because|strong = "G1722" God|strong = "G2316" wills|strong = "H5157"
 it|strong = "G2532" so|strong = "G2532", commit|strong = "G3908"
 their|strong = "G2532" lives|strong = "G5590" into|strong = "G1722"
 the|strong = "G1722" hands|strong = "H3027" of|strong = "G2316"
 a|strong = "G2532" faithful|strong = "G4103" Creator|strong = "G2939",
 and|strong = "G2532" persevere in|strong = "G1722" doing|strong = "H6213"
 right|strong = "H3225".

Conclusion

5As|strong = "G1722" for|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G1722"
 older|strong = "G4245" ones|strong = "G4245" among|strong = "G1722"
 you|strong = "G5210", who|strong = "G3588" are|strong = "G3588"
 elders|strong = "G4245" in|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G1722" church,
 I|strong = "G2532", their|strong = "G2532" fellow|strong = "G4850"
 elder|strong = "G4245", and|strong = "G2532" a|strong = "G2532"
 witness|strong = "G3144" to|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G1722"
 sufferings|strong = "G3804" of|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G1722"
 Christ|strong = "G5547", who|strong = "G3588" will|strong = "G3195"
 also|strong = "G2532" share|strong = "G2844" in|strong = "G1722"
 the|strong = "G1722" glory|strong = "G1391" that|strong = "G3588"
 is|strong = "G3588" to|strong = "G2532" be|strong = "G2532"
 revealed|strong = "H1540" – ² I|strong = "G1722" beg|strong = "H7592"
 you|strong = "G5210" to|strong = "G2596" be|strong = "G3361"
 true|strong = "G3588" shepherds|strong = "H7462" of|strong = "G2316"
 the|strong = "G1722" flock|strong = "G4168" of|strong = "G2316"
 God|strong = "G2316" among|strong = "G1722" you|strong = "G5210",
 not|strong = "G3361" because|strong = "G1722" you|strong = "G5210"
 are|strong = "G3588" compelled|strong = "H5080", but|strong = "G3361"

of|strong = "G2316" your|strong = "G1722" own|strong = "H1961"
 free|strong = "G1722" will|strong = "G2316"; not|strong = "G3361"
 from|strong = "G2596" a|strong = "G1722" base|strong = "H3247"
 love|strong = "H0157" of|strong = "G2316" gain|strong = "H1215",
 but|strong = "G3361" with|strong = "G1722" a|strong = "G1722"
 ready|strong = "H3559" spirit|strong = "G3588"; ³ not|strong = "G3366"
 as|strong = "G5613" lords|strong = "H5633" of|strong = "G3588"
 your|strong = "G3366" charges|strong = "H4931", but|strong = "G3588"
 as|strong = "G5613" examples|strong = "G5179" to|strong = "G1096"
 your|strong = "G3366" flock|strong = "G4168". ⁴ Then|strong = "G2532",
 when|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532" chief|strong = "G2532"
 shepherd|strong = "H7462" appears|strong = "G5319", you|strong = "G2532"
 will|strong = "G2532" win|strong = "H6743" the|strong = "G2532"
 crown|strong = "G4735" of|strong = "G2532" glory|strong = "G1391"
 that|strong = "G3588" never|strong = "H3808" fades|strong = "H5034". ⁵
 Again|strong = "H7725", you|strong = "G3754" younger|strong = "G3501"
 ones|strong = "G3748" should|strong = "G2316" show|strong = "G1325"
 deference to|strong = "G1325" the|strong = "G3956" older|strong = "G4245".
 And|strong = "G1161" all|strong = "G3956" of|strong = "G2316"
 you|strong = "G3754" should|strong = "G2316" put|strong = "G5293"
 on|strong = "G1161" the|strong = "G3956" badge of|strong = "G2316"
 humility|strong = "G5012" in|strong = "G2316" mutual
 service|strong = "H5656", for|strong = "G3754" "God|strong = "G2316"
 is|strong = "G3588" opposed|strong = "H5975" to|strong = "G1325"
 the|strong = "G3956" proud|strong = "G5244", but|strong = "G1161"
 gives|strong = "G1325" his|strong = "G3956" help|strong = "H5826"
 to|strong = "G1325" the|strong = "G3956" humble|strong = "G5011".

⁶Humble|strong = "G5013" yourselves|strong = "G4771",
 therefore|strong = "G3767", under|strong = "G5259" the|strong = "G1722"
 mighty|strong = "G2900" hand|strong = "G5495" of|strong = "G5259"
 God|strong = "G2316", so|strong = "G2443" that|strong = "G2443"
 he|strong = "G3588" may|strong = "G2443" exalt|strong = "G5312"
 you|strong = "G5210" in|strong = "G1722" his|strong = "G1722"
 good|strong = "G3588" time|strong = "G2540", ⁷ laying|strong = "H2934"
 all|strong = "G3956" your|strong = "G3956" anxieties on|strong = "G1909"
 him|strong = "G3588", for|strong = "G3754" he|strong = "G3754"
 makes|strong = "H6213" you|strong = "G5210" his|strong = "G3956"
 care|strong = "G3199". ⁸ Exercise|strong = "H6213" self-control,
 be|strong = "G3588" watchful|strong = "G1127". Your|strong = "G3588"
 adversary|strong = "H6862", the|strong = "G3588" devil|strong = "G1228",
 like|strong = "G5613" a|strong = "G5613" roaring|strong = "G5612"
 lion|strong = "G3023", is|strong = "G3588" prowling about|strong = "G5613",
 eager|strong = "H1245" to|strong = "G2212" devour|strong = "G2666"
 you|strong = "G5210". ⁹ Stand|strong = "G5210" firm|strong = "G4731"

against|strong="G1722" him|strong="G3588", strong|strong="G4731"
 in|strong="G1722" your|strong="G1722" faith|strong="G4102";
 knowing|strong="G1492", as|strong="G1722" you|strong="G5210"
 do|strong="G1492", that|strong="G3739" the|strong="G1722"
 sufferings|strong="G3804" which|strong="G3739" you|strong="G5210"
 are|strong="G3588" undergoing are|strong="G3588"
 being|strong="G1722" endured|strong="H5375" to|strong="G1722"
 the|strong="G1722" full|strong="G1722" by|strong="G1722"
 the|strong="G1722" Lord's|strong="H3068" followers|strong="G3588"
 throughout|strong="G1722" the|strong="G1722" world|strong="G2889".
¹⁰ God|strong="G2316", from|strong="G3588" whom|strong="G3588"
 all|strong="G3956" help|strong="H5826" comes|strong="H0935",
 and|strong="G1161" who|strong="G3588" called|strong="G2564"
 you|strong="G5210", by|strong="G1722" your|strong="G4741"
 union|strong="H2260" with|strong="G1722" Christ|strong="G5547",
 into|strong="G1519" his|strong="G3956" eternal|strong="H5769"
 glory|strong="G1391", will|strong="G2316", when|strong="G1161"
 you|strong="G5210" have|strong="G5210" suffered|strong="G3958"
 for|strong="G1519" a|strong="G1519" little|strong="G3641"
 while|strong="G1722", himself|strong="G1519" perfect|strong="G2675",
 establish|strong="G4741", strengthen|strong="G4741"
 you|strong="G5210". ¹¹ To|strong="G1519" him|strong="G3588"
 be|strong="G1519" ascribed|strong="H5414" dominion|strong="G2904"
 for|strong="G1519" ever|strong="G1519". Amen|strong="H0543".

12I|strong="G3739" have|strong="G2532" been|strong="G1510"
 writing|strong="G1125" to|strong="G1519" you|strong="G5210"
 briefly|strong="G3641" by|strong="G1223" the|strong="G2532"
 hand|strong="H3027" of|strong="G1223" Silas, our|strong="G2316"
 true-hearted friend|strong="H7453" (for|strong="G1519"
 so|strong="G2532" I|strong="G3739" regard|strong="G3049"
 him|strong="G3588"), to|strong="G1519" encourage|strong="G3870"
 you|strong="G5210", and|strong="G2532" to|strong="G1519"
 bear|strong="G2532" my|strong="G3739" testimony|strong="H5715"
 that|strong="G3739" in|strong="G1519" what|strong="G3739"
 I|strong="G3739" have|strong="G2532" written|strong="G1125"
 is|strong="G1510" to|strong="G1519" be|strong="G1510"
 found|strong="G1510" the|strong="G2532" true|strong="G4103"
 love|strong="H0157" of|strong="G1223" God|strong="G2316".
 On|strong="G1519" that|strong="G3739" take|strong="G3049"
 your|strong="G1223" stand|strong="G2476". ¹³ Your|strong="G2532"
 sister|strong="H0269" church in|strong="G1722"
 "Babylon|strong="H0894" sends|strong="H7971" you|strong="G5210"
 greeting, and|strong="G2532" so|strong="G2532" does|strong="G5207"
 Mark|strong="G3138", who|strong="G3588" is|strong="G3588"