

# Peter's First Letter



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## Introduction

1 To the people who are living abroad, dispersed throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Roman Asia, and Bithynia,<sup>2</sup> 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 yours ever increasing in measure.

The Christian's Hope of Salvation

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

reserved|strong="G5083" for|strong="G1519" you|strong="G5210"  
in|strong="G1722" heaven|strong="G3772" - <sup>5</sup> for|strong="G1519"  
you|strong="G1722" who|strong="G3588", through|strong="G1223"  
faith|strong="G4102", are|strong="G3588" being|strong="G1722"  
guarded|strong="H8104" by|strong="G1223" the|strong="G1722"  
power|strong="G1411" of|strong="G1223" God|strong="G2316", awaiting  
a|strong="G1519" salvation|strong="G4991" that|strong="G3588"  
is|strong="G3588" ready|strong="G2092" to|strong="G1519"  
be|strong="G1519" revealed|strong="H1540" in|strong="G1722"  
the|strong="G1722" last|strong="G2078" days|strong="H3117". <sup>6</sup>  
At|strong="G1722" the|strong="G1722" thought|strong="H0559"  
of|strong="G1722" this|strong="G3739" you|strong="G3739"  
are|strong="G3739" full|strong="G1722" of|strong="G1722"  
exultation|strong="H1524", though|strong="G1487" (if|strong="G1487"  
it|strong="G1487" has|strong="G3739" been|strong="G1210"  
necessary|strong="G1163") you|strong="G3739" have|strong="G1163"  
suffered|strong="H5414" for|strong="G1722" the|strong="G1722"  
moment|strong="H7281" somewhat|strong="H3972"  
from|strong="G1722" various|strong="G4164" trials|strong="G3986"; <sup>7</sup>  
that|strong="G2443" the|strong="G1722" genuineness of|strong="G1223"  
your|strong="G1223" faith|strong="G4102" - a|strong="G2532"  
thing|strong="H1697" far|strong="G3588" more|strong="G2532"  
precious|strong="G5092" than|strong="G2532" gold|strong="G5553",  
which|strong="G3588" is|strong="G3588" perishable, yet|strong="G2532"  
has|strong="G4102" to|strong="G1519" be|strong="G2532"  
tested|strong="G1381" by|strong="G1223" fire|strong="G4442" -  
may|strong="G2532" win|strong="H6743" praise|strong="G1868"  
and|strong="G2532" glory|strong="G1391" and|strong="G2532"  
honor|strong="G5092" at|strong="G1722" the|strong="G1722"  
appearing|strong="H7200" of|strong="G1223" Jesus|strong="G2424"  
Christ|strong="G5547". <sup>8</sup> Though|strong="G2532" you|strong="G3739"  
have|strong="G2532" never|strong="G3756" seen|strong="G3708"  
him|strong="G3739", yet|strong="G2532" you|strong="G3739"  
love|strong="H0157" him|strong="G3739"; though|strong="G2532"  
you|strong="G3739" do|strong="G2532" not|strong="G3756"  
even|strong="G2532" now|strong="G1161" see|strong="G3708"  
him|strong="G3739", yet|strong="G2532" you|strong="G3739"  
believe|strong="G4100" in|strong="G1519" him|strong="G3739",  
and|strong="G2532" exalt|strong="H7311" with|strong="G2532"  
a|strong="G2532" triumphant|strong="H7311" happiness|strong="H8057"  
too|strong="G2532" great|strong="G2532" for|strong="G1519"  
words|strong="G2532", <sup>9</sup> as|strong="G3588" you|strong="G5210"  
receive|strong="G2865" the|strong="G3588" reward|strong="H7939"  
of|strong="G4102" your|strong="G3588" faith|strong="G4102"  
in|strong="G4102" the|strong="G3588" salvation|strong="G4991"  
of|strong="G4102" your|strong="G3588" souls|strong="G5590"! <sup>10</sup>

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"; <sup>11</sup> 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". <sup>12</sup> 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"

<sup>13</sup>Therefore|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". <sup>14</sup> 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", <sup>15</sup>  
 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". <sup>16</sup> 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".’ <sup>17</sup> 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". <sup>18</sup>  
 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",  
<sup>19</sup> 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". <sup>20</sup> 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", <sup>21</sup>  
 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" honor|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"; <sup>23</sup> 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". <sup>24</sup>  
 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"  
splendor|strong = "H1926" 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", <sup>2</sup> 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" –  
<sup>3</sup> 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".<sup>4</sup> 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"; <sup>5</sup> 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". <sup>6</sup> 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".’ <sup>7</sup>  
 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,’ <sup>8</sup>  
 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". <sup>9</sup>  
 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". <sup>10</sup> 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';  
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".

11 Dear|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". <sup>12</sup> 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 Lord's sake, alike to the emperor as the supreme authority, <sup>14</sup> and to governors as sent by him to punish evildoers and to commend those who do right. <sup>15</sup> For God's will is that this silence of ignorance of foolish people by what they are doing is right. <sup>16</sup> Act as free people, yet not using your freedom as those do who cloak their wickedness, but as Servants of God. <sup>17</sup> Show honor to everyone, love the Lord's followers, 'revere God, honor 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. <sup>19</sup> For 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". <sup>20</sup>

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". <sup>21</sup> 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". <sup>22</sup>

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”.’ <sup>23</sup>

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". <sup>24</sup> And|strong = "G4983" he|strong = "G3739" ‘himself|strong = "H5315" carried|strong = "H5375" our|strong = "G1722" sins’ 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".' <sup>25</sup> 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", <sup>2</sup> as|strong = "G1722" they|strong = "G3588" see|strong = "H7200" your|strong = "G1722" pure|strong = "H2889", reverent conduct|strong = "H1870". <sup>3</sup> 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" jewelry|strong = "G5553", or|strong = "G2228" the|strong = "G2532" putting|strong = "G1745" on|strong = "G1745" of|strong = "G2532" dresses|strong = "G2440", <sup>4</sup> 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". <sup>5</sup> 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", <sup>6</sup> 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; <sup>9</sup> 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".<sup>15</sup>  
 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",  
<sup>16</sup> 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".<sup>17</sup> 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".<sup>18</sup> 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".<sup>19</sup>

And it was 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", <sup>20</sup> 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". <sup>21</sup> 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", <sup>22</sup> 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="G2532" heaven strong="G3772" now strong="G2532" yield strong="H5414" submission strong="H1844" to strong="G1519" him strong="G3739".

<sup>4</sup>Since 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", <sup>2</sup> 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". <sup>3</sup> 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". <sup>4</sup> 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". <sup>5</sup> 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". <sup>6</sup> 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".

<sup>7</sup>But|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". <sup>8</sup> 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".' <sup>9</sup>  
 Never|strong="H3808" grudge|strong="H7852"  
 hospitality|strong="G5382" to|strong="G1519" one|strong="G1519"  
 another|strong="H0312". <sup>10</sup> 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". <sup>11</sup> 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" endeavoring 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" honored|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" honor|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". <sup>13</sup>  
 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". <sup>14</sup>  
 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". <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup>  
 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" honor|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". <sup>17</sup> 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"? <sup>18</sup> 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"? <sup>19</sup> 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" - <sup>2</sup> 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"; <sup>3</sup> 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". <sup>4</sup> 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". <sup>5</sup>  
 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".'

<sup>6</sup>Humble|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", <sup>7</sup> 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". <sup>8</sup> 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". <sup>9</sup> 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".  
<sup>10</sup> 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". <sup>11</sup> 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". <sup>13</sup> Your|strong = "G2532"  
 sister|strong = "H0269" church in|strong = "G1722" 'Babylon'  
 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" as|strong = "G1722"  
 a|strong = "G2532" son|strong = "G5207" to|strong = "G2532"