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# Chapter 1

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the (*partakers of eternal salvation*) scattered (*as strangers in strange lands*) throughout Pont'us, Ga-la'tia, Cap-pa-do'ci-a, A'sia, and Bi-thyn'i-a,

2 Chosen (*to partake of His life and immortality*) according to the determined purpose (*and promise*) of God the Father (*since before the world began*), and who now through the transformation of the Spirit (*may be conformed*) to His image, allowing themselves to be persuaded and their conscience purged (*from the fear of death*) by the sprinkling of the blood (*that ran out*) of Jesus Christ: To whom (His) Grace (*persuades us of the certainty of His life*), where (His) peace, and (*rest will*) be multiplied (*unto you*).

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who (*by His strength alone*) and according to His lovingkindness and abundant mercy has rescued us (*from the dead*) recreating us in Christ again to a sure hope (*of the same life and likeness to be revealed in us*) that lives in immortal flesh and bone (*at the Father's right hand*) by the (*bodily*) resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 To (*the same*) inheritance (*revealed in Him*) incorruptible, indestructible, and undefiled (*by blood*), that (*can never die, perish*) or fade away, reserved (*in Christ at the Father's right hand*) in heaven for you,

5 Who are kept (*in the certainty of Him*) by the power of God through (*the*) faith (*revealed in Jesus Christ*) to (*bring the same life and*) salvation (*in the redemption of*

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*our bodies*) prepared and ready to be revealed in (*His return, in death's*) last day.

6 In (*this living hope*) do you greatly rejoice, although now it might be necessary for a short while that you are grieved in your body with various temptations:

7 So that the trying of your faith (*which is found in the sure testimony and foundation of Jesus Christ, who having already stood in the face of all temptation for us, made death bow down*), which (*testimony*) is much more precious than that of gold that perishes, and though we (*who bear His testimony*) be tried with fire, that we might be found (*abiding in Him*) to praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

8 Whom having not seen (*Him*), you love (*Him*); in whom, even though you do not now see Him, yet you believe (*in the testimony He has given of you*), and you rejoice with a joy (*that is*) unspeakable and full of glory:

9 Receiving (*His same just reward in your body*) the end of your faith, even the salvation of your entire being (*made immortal*).

10 Of this salvation the prophets have desired and searched (*out*) diligently, who prophesied about the grace that would come to you (*in Christ*):

11 Inquiring as to what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ, which (*spoke*) in (*and through*) them was showing them, when they testified beforehand (*about*) the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that would follow.

12 To whom it was revealed that they were not ministering these things to themselves but to us, the things which are now reported to you by (*me and*) those who have preached the gospel to you with the Holy

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Ghost sent down from heaven; which things (*pertaining to salvation*) even the angels desire to look into.

13 Therefore, be prepared, ready and alert, having a sound mind (*that is not intoxicated by the corruption in the world*), but (*abiding in the sure*) hope to the end (*waiting patiently*) for the grace (*wherein you will receive strength*) that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

14 Like little children, you can go to rest (*trusting in the Father to care for your life, fully reliant upon Him*), no longer having to establish your own life according to (*the world's corrupt wisdom*) where you formerly lusted for life (*in vain*) in your ignorance.

15 But just as the One who has (*surnamed*) you (*His son*) is holy (*having set you apart to be fathered with His life*), so (*will you as His children*) be holy (*set apart to be fathered by Him*) in all manner of life (*and Godlikeness*);

16 Because it is written, you will be holy (*set apart unto Me and by Me, for you are My portion*) because I AM holy (*and My heart is set apart unto you*).

17 And if you call upon the Father (*for the incorruptible life He has set you apart for*), the One who impartially judges according (*whether or not*) the quality of a man's work be perishable, so will you pass the time of living as a stranger in a strange land, esteeming Him (*and His incorruptible work*):

18 Because knowing this, you know that you were not released from the bondage of death by corruptible things, such as silver and gold, from that life where you formerly labored in vain (*never finding rest*) living by the traditions established by your fathers (*and not God*).

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19 But (*you were released from the reign of death*) with the precious blood (*that ran out*) of Christ, (*the only life that could measure the true value of your own*), like that of an (*innocent*) lamb without blemish (*blameless*) and without spot (*unstained*):

20 (*Christ*) who truly was foreordained (*the substance and the promise of eternal life*) before the foundation of the world (*before death entered*), but was revealed in (*immortal flesh*) in these last times for you (*to behold the promise in immortal flesh and bone*),

21 (*Christ*) who by Him do (*you*) believe in God (*as your Father*), who raised Him up from the dead, and gave Him glory; so that your faith and hope might (*rest*) in God (*for the certainty of the same life*).

22 Seeing you have purified your hearts, being persuaded of the truth through the Spirit of life (*that you behold in Christ, which gives birth to a*) sincere love for the brethren, so that (*abiding in His life*) you would love one another passionately and with a pure heart:

23 Being born again from above (*by the Spirit of God*), not from corruptible seed (*of the flesh*), but of incorruptible (*of the Spirit*), by (*Christ*) the word of God, which lives and abides forever.

24 Because all flesh is like grass, and all the glory that a man (*could bring forth in himself*) is like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower thereof fades away:

25 But the word of the Lord (*which God has spoken about you in Christ*) endures forever (*in immortal flesh and bone at the Father's right hand*). And this is the word (*that contains the power of His indestructible life*) which by the gospel (*of Jesus Christ*) is preached to you.

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1 Having therefore put aside (*the life where you formerly were disposed to*) all labor and trouble, and all deceit, and hypocrisies, and jealousies, backbiting and all sorts of slanderous speaking,

2 As newborn babes (*earnestly*) desire pure milk (*which is*) the reasoning and logic of God (*contained in the faith of Jesus Christ*), so that you may grow (*in wisdom and knowledge, and*) in union with Him thereby:

3 If indeed you have truly tasted that the Lord is (*full of*) lovingkindness (*toward you*).

4 To whom coming, (*the Lord*), (*as*) a living stone, (*was*) rejected of men, but chosen of God and precious,

5 You also, as lively stones (*alive from the dead*), are built up (*upon Him*) a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, offering yourself (*a living sacrifice*) with spiritual sacrifices (*where the life you live in this world is only by God and His doing and not your own*), (*which sacrifice is*) acceptable to God through (*the faith revealed in*) Jesus Christ.

6 Therefore it is contained in scripture, (*thus says the Lord God*) behold I lay (*a stone*) in Zion (*for a foundation*) a chief cornerstone, chosen, precious: and he that believes upon Him will not ever be put to shame.

7 To you therefore who believe (*being fully persuaded of His lovingkindness toward you to give you His life*) He is precious: but to those who refuse to be persuaded, the stone which those who want to build (*their own house*)

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*on their own foundation*) rejected, this same (*stone*) has become the head of the corner,

8 And a stone that causes them to stumble at the truth and a rock which has become a snare to them who strike against (*and resist*) the word (*which God has spoken in Christ*), refusing to be persuaded (*of His lovingkindness to give them His life as a gift*): to which also those (*who are disobedient, refusing to be persuaded but*) continue in the way which has been judged beforehand as (*the way wherein they can only*) store up for themselves destruction (*being set against the way that leads to life*).

9 But you (*who are fully persuaded, believing that as His sons you*) are the favored offspring of God, a royal priesthood (*of kingly rank*), a holy nation (*set apart for Him to show you kindness for all the ages to come*), a peculiar people (*that are uniquely His own*); so that you would declare the goodness and lovingkindness of Him who has surnamed you His sons (*and led you*) out of darkness (*and death*) into His marvelous light (*and life*);

10 Which in time past were not a people but now (*has He gathered you unto Himself*) the people of God: which (*in times past*) had not received His mercy and grace (*for their affliction*), but now have received mercy and grace (*in Christ, being delivered from the affliction of death*).

11 My well beloved, I implore you as strangers in a strange land, that you keep yourselves (*abiding in His life, so that you might refrain from*) the lust for life in the world through the strength in your flesh (*and thereby disarm that*) which wars against (*and subverts*) the soul;



12 Having the manner of your life honorable among the (*unbelieving*) Gentiles: so whereas they might (*have opportunity to*) speak against you as a trouble maker, instead, they witness your honest way of life, so that by seeing it God might be glorified in (*their hearts*) in the day of (*their own*) encounter with Him.

13 Submit yourselves to (*obey*) every (*established institution or*) ordinance of men who have authority over you for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the ruler, as superior (*in matters of keeping order*);

14 Or to governors, treating them (*with respect for their authority*) as if they were sent by Him for the correction of those who act maliciously toward others, and for the praise of them that do well.

15 Because it is the will of God, that by doing that which is good you might (*glorify God*) silencing the accusations of foolish men, (*not in your own strength but*),

16 As (*one who is*) free (*and in bondage to no man*), and not using your freedom as an excuse to act venomously, but as one who (*finds the strength for their life in*) willingly allowing themselves to be served by God.

17 Honor all men (*as equal*). Love (*preferring the lives of*) the brotherhood of men (*especially those who you fellowship with in the faith*). Stand in awe of God. Honor your rulers.

18 As servants to those in authority be subject to them, giving all reverence; not only to the good and kind ones but also to the fraudulent and unjust.

19 Because in this is (*the*) grace (*of God*) that influences a man's heart, that if he be more conscious of the

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*(incorruptible)* life of God (*which he possesses*), which life cannot ever be hurt or injured by the (*death and*) injustices in the world, (*he would patiently endure*) even when he suffers grief and (*is treated*) unjustly.

20 Because what glory is there (*in the life*), (*where*) if, when you are harshly treated for your faults, you take it patiently? but (*rather, know*) that if, when you do good and suffer for it, you take it patiently, this is the life that God (*desires to freely serve you with*).

21 And even unto this (*incorruptible*) life (*that we see in Christ*) are you called: because Christ also suffered (*death and injustice*) for us, (*authoring*) for us the faith (*which He had toward the Father*), so that you (*being persuaded by the certainty of the same*) would be led in His footsteps:

22 (*Christ*) who did absolutely nothing (*in His own strength*) to preserve His life, neither was there any deceit found in His mouth:

23 (*Christ*) who, when He was railed against, did not rail back in return; when He unjustly suffered (*abuse and*) threats, He (*abused and*) threatened no one; but (*being fully persuaded that the Father was the good Shepherd and Bishop of His life*) He entrusted the care for Himself (*into the hands of*) Him who (*promised to preserve His life eternally and*) judges justly, (*and who has now put His justice for all men on full display in raising Christ from the dead in a glorified human body and seating Him at His right hand forever*):

24 (*Christ*) who (*offered*) Himself up for us (*for the conquering of*) our death (*to release us from the bondage of*) death by bearing it in His own body on the tree, so that we would see that being dead to death, (*we die no*

more) but that (*resting in the Father*) we should live (*as He lives in immortal flesh and bone*) forever (*in the same life and immortality*): by whose stripes you were healed (*from the wound of death*).

25 Because you were as sheep going astray (*laboring in vain to preserve your own life*); but now you have been (*rescued from death*) brought back to the (*good*) Shepherd and Bishop of your life (*where you can find rest and peace in His life and pasture forever*).

## Chapter 3

1 In the same way, wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands (*as one in union with you, as you are with the Lord*); so that even if any refuse to be persuaded by the word (*we preach*), they also might gain (*Christ*) by seeing how (*the fruit of God's*) life in their wives comes alongside the word (*preached*);

2 While they behold the pure innocence of your life (*in Christ*) along with your honor and respect for them (*as one in union with you, as you are with the Lord*).

3 Whose word is not made more beautiful by outward ornament like the braiding of your hair and wearing fine gold jewelry, or by putting on attractive clothing;

4 But through the inner man of that which (*flows from*) the heart, and which is (*born of God*) imperishable, even the (*inner*) ornament of a meek and peaceable spirit (*that rests in God and His strength to bring forth His life*), which is (*the one thing that*) in light of the desire of God's heart (*from the beginning to give you His life*) is so very precious to Him.

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5 Because after this same way (*of inward adorning*) did the holy women of old, whose hope was (*also*) in God (*to fulfill His promise of life*), did adorning themselves, being subject to their own husbands:

6 Even like Sara who listened diligently to Abraham, calling him lord: whose children you are, (*seeing that you*) do well (*having the same spirit of faith toward God, not staggering in unbelief at His promise to give them His life as an inheritance*) wherein you also live (*a quiet and peaceful life*), without fear of any sudden terror.

7 Likewise, you husbands, live in union with your wives according to (*the*) knowledge (*of your union with Christ*), giving honor to the wife as to the (*physically*) weaker vessel, (*coming alongside her*) as being joint-heirs together of (*the same*) grace and kindness (*born*) from the life of God (*revealed in*) in Jesus Christ; so that your prayers (*might be one*) and not hindered (*by disagreement*).

8 Finally, may you all be of a single mind (*in Christ*), (*where you will*) find compassion (*and understanding*) for one another, loving each other as brothers, tenderhearted and humble (*in depending upon the Lord*):

9 (*To serve you with the life where you*) do not return evil for evil or railing for railing: but rather (*like Christ*) you return blessing; (*because*) knowing that you, yourself have been surnamed His son and that you will also inherit (*the*) blessing (*of His incorruptible life*).

10 Because the one that loves and desires (*the*) life (*that only He can give, esteeming it above all*), and longing to see good days, (*will find it is His life that*) allows him to refrain his tongue from evil, and keep his lips from speaking deceit:

11 Allowing him to turn away from (*evil*) wherein you tried to establish your own life, (*rather*) to do good (*in allowing God to serve you with His life*); (*the life*) that allows him to find the peace (*that his heart*) has always longed for (*in Him*) and be overtaken in the rest that it brings to him.

12 Because the eyes (*and the mind*) of the Lord are (*always*) on (*His children*) to give them His life, and His ears are open to the cries of their hearts: but the face of the Lord is against (*the way that brings destruction*) in them that do evil (*by rejecting His gift of life for the way that can only serve them with destruction and death*).

13 And who is he that can bring harm to you, if (*the life*) you eagerly desire (*is the incorruptible life that He gives*) which is good?

14 But and (*even*) if you suffer (*an unjust punishment in the flesh*) for doing well, you (*remain*) happy (*in this blessed life, knowing that the life you possess cannot be hurt or injured*): and (*being fully persuaded of that life*) you are not afraid of the terror (*that men can bring*), neither are you troubled;

15 But (*just as you know you are set apart in God's heart so also*) set apart Christ (*the word of eternal life about you*) as Lord in your hearts: and always be ready to give an answer to every man that asks you for an account concerning the (*sure*) hope that is in you (*of the same life in Christ*) with gentleness and reverence:

16 Having a good conscience (*which is one that rests in God and His ability to establish His life in you*), so that, should they speak against you (*and your way of life, trusting in the Lord*), they may see (*that it is their hope to establish their own life which disappoints*) and not your hope in Christ of which they have falsely accused you.

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17 Because if the hope and desire of God be (*that you inherit His incorruptible life*), it is better that when you suffer persecution under the injustice of death that you do well, in placing your hope in God (*who promised you His life*) and not in yourself which is evil (*and that which causes you to labor in vain*).

18 Because Christ (*our high priest*) has also suffered under the (*same*) injustice of death for (*the purpose of*) sending death away from us, the just (*whose flesh rested in the sure hope of the Father to protect and persevere His life*) on behalf of the unjust (*who had all their lifetime suffered under the injustice of death laboring in vain in their flesh*), so that He might bring us to God (*our Father, where we also would rest in Him*), (*by the testimony of Jesus Christ, who*) being put to death in the flesh, was made alive (*in immortal flesh and bone*) by the Spirit (*of God*).

19 By the same (*Spirit*) which He also (*came, declaring the gospel in Noah*) to those souls (*who were suffering*) in bondage (*and laboring under the reign of death*);

20 Who at that time refused to be persuaded (*that God's desire was to save their lives from destruction and to preserve it in Him*), (*during the time*) when the patience of God waited (*120 years*) in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, the ark (*being a figure of Christ*), in which, a few, that is eight souls were saved (*from the world filled with labor and anguish that perished, being overflowed*) by water (*which also carried them to safety being pitched within and without in the ark*).

21 The same (*is a*) figure of (*the*) baptism (*into Christ's death and resurrection, that being buried with Christ in His death, so are we also pitched within and without and*

*pass from death unto life) which (baptism) does also now save us, not by the washing away of the filth of the flesh (which could never purge our conscience from death), but the answer of a good conscience toward God (that has freed us from death and the fear of death, where our sure hope is in God and His promise of eternal life), by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:*

22 Who is gone into heaven and is (*seated*) on the right hand of God; the angels and (*all*) authorities and powers being made subject to Him.

## *Chapter 4*

1 Therefore seeing as Christ has suffered for us (*being put to death*) in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: because he who has suffered (*being put to death*) in the flesh (*dies no more and being dead to death*) has ceased from enlisting his members to preserve his own life;

2 So that he would no longer live the rest of his days in the flesh (*in bondage*) to (*bring forth*) the desires of men (*for life, through the strength contained in his flesh, which only served him with death*), but rather by the faith of the Son of God (*which serves with life everlasting*).

3 Because we have already spent enough days (*in the flesh*) where we carried out the same way of life as the Gentiles (*as if we also were alienated from the promises, having no hope and without God*) when we walked in sensuality, lust, drunkenness, debauchery, carousing and the unjust worship of false gods (*and every other thing that could never serve us with life*).

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4 And those (*who do such things are confused by and*) think it strange that you do not take part (*with them*) in the same excessive debauchery, which is why they speak against you:

5 Who (*themselves*) will judge (*the word in their own heart whether it be*) against Him who has already judged (*which word brings life to both*) the living and the dead.

6 For to this end was the gospel proclaimed (*through the Spirit of Christ*) even to (*those who are now*) dead (*having never received the promises*), so that they might be judged (*in the same manner*) as (*us*) men in the flesh (*who have been preached the gospel through Holy Ghost sent down from heaven*), that all (*who live*) might live according to (*the Spirit of*) God in their heart.

7 But the end of all things (*that are not eternal*) has drawn near to you, (*your salvation is closer now than when you first believed*): let therefore Christ regulate your thoughts and your mind as you watch and pray.

8 And above all things (*that you might*) have constant union with (*His*) passionate love among yourselves (*and one for another*): because (*His*) love (*abiding in you*) will cover a great number of offenses.

9 (*For abiding in His love you will find*) generosity (*born in you*) toward guests and strangers, (*showing kindness*) one for another (*without obligation*) or complaining.

10 Just like every man (*who*) has (*freely*) received the gift (*of eternal life*) even so (*be you*) ministers of the same life one to another, as good stewards of the many unique and precious intricacies of the grace of God (*given each one of us in Christ Jesus*).



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11 If any man (*desires*) to speak (*the truth revealed in Christ*), let him speak as (*one declaring*) the very words and utterances (*that come*) from God; if any man (*be a*) minister (*of Christ*), let him do it (*in humility, seeing that it is through the gifts and*) the ability which God has given him (*and not his own ability that men will experience God's life in the midst of tribulation*): so that God in all (*these*) things might be exalted (*as the One who brings forth the fruit of His life in us*) through Jesus Christ, whose name (*being spoken well of and*) glorified (*in men's heart, will they call upon in the day of affliction*) seeing that He has dominion (*over the death and corruption in the world*) forever and ever. Amen.

12 Beloved, do not be (*shocked or*) surprised concerning the fiery ordeal which will come to try you (*seeing as we live in a world presently filled with death and corruption*), as if some unique thing is happening to (*only*) you:

13 But joy (*comes in being fully persuaded that*) just as you have shared in the sufferings of Christ (*under the injustice of death in the world*) that you may also rejoice with exceedingly great joy (*in knowing the certainty of sharing in the same glory that was*) revealed in Him.

14 If you are mocked (*and persecuted*) for (*believing on*) the name of Christ (*as your own inheritance*), you are happy because (*you know that*) the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you (*with the power of an indestructible life*): on the part of (*those who mock*) is He (*devalued and*) spoken maliciously of, but in your heart is He (*precious*), esteemed and glorified.

15 But let none of you (*who name the name of Christ*) suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or as a malcontent, or as one who meddles in other men's affairs.

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16 However if (*any man suffers injustice*) as a follower of Christ, let him not be ashamed (*for Christ also suffered injustice*); but let him (*like Christ*) glorify God (*as the One who judges justly in preserving his life eternally*) in the same inheritance of Christ.

17 Because now is the time when the judgment (*that was from the beginning*) has begun in us (*who rest in God for the same life and justice revealed in the resurrection of Jesus Christ*); (*to shine as a light in the darkness*) in us who are the house of God: and since (*the judgment that allows us to rest in God to bring forth His life free from our works*) has first appeared in us, what will be the end of those who refuse to be persuaded to rest (*in God to freely give them His life, that was revealed*) in the gospel of God (*seeing as they reject that judgment unto life*)?

18 And if (*we think*) that the righteous (*are only*) saved through great struggle (*from the suffering in the world*), where would the ungodly and those laboring to preserve their own lives (*ever find the strength to overcome the death and corruption in the world*), so that they might also appear (*in the light of His life*)?

19 Therefore let them that suffer (*persecution and injustice, suffer as Christ did*) according to the will of God (*resting in the certainty of His promise to protect and preserve their life in Christ*) and (*who being fully persuaded will*) do well in committing the keeping of their lives to Him as unto a faithful Creator.

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1 Therefore, do I exhort the elders among you, being an elder myself as well as an eyewitness of the sufferings

(*and the resurrection*) of Christ, and a sharer in the glory that will be revealed:

2 Shepherd the flock of God that is among you (*with this word of eternal life*), looking diligently to their care, not by obligation, but of your own accord, and not for dishonest or personal gain but eagerly from your passion (*for the Lord and the love of God for all people*) that is in you.

3 Neither as one who exercises power and control over others (*who are co-sharers with you in God's inheritance*) but as examples who walk alongside them.

4 And when the chief Shepherd, (*our Lord Jesus*) is revealed (*from heaven*), you (*all*) will receive a victory crown of glory that will never fade away.

5 Likewise, you younger (*ministers of Christ*), submit yourselves to the elder. Yes, (*so that*) all of you would be subject one to another (*as members of one body*) and be clothed with humility (*which brings glory to God*): because God (*in His great love for us*) has set Himself against the (*way of*) the proud (*to exalt themselves unto life by their own strength and perish in death*) and gives grace (*to freely experience His life*) to the humble (*who are persuaded that the sufficiency and strength for their life is only found resting in and allowing Him to freely serve them with it*).

6 Humble yourselves therefore (*to be served by*) the mighty (*and loving*) hand of God (*resting in His strength alone as the sufficiency for you to experience His life*), so that He might (*be the one to*) exalt you (*at every fitting opportunity*) and in due time:

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7 Casting all the care (*and responsibility for your life*) upon Him; for He cares for you (*like no other can, to preserve your life in Him now and forever*).

8 Be of a sound mind and watchful, for your adversary is that which comes to accuse your heart (*with thoughts that originate from*) the devil (*whose wisdom has been planted in the world*) and as a roaring lion (*which makes a lot of noise*), is always looking for an opportunity to swallow up, (*overwhelming*) whoever will allow it:

9 Whose accusation (*you*) withstand (*by resting*) in the faith (*of Jesus Christ, who already stood in the face of it for you*), knowing that the same suffering and afflictions that (*were in Him*) and in your brothers are in the world.

10 But the God of all grace (*and mercy*), who has called us to His eternal glory (*which He purposed and promised from the beginning*) and has now through Christ Jesus, (*fulfilled the promise and given us this sure hope*) that after you have suffered a short while (*in the world*), (*He will*) make you perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you (*in His life and immortality forever*).

11 To Him be all glory and dominion forever and ever (*throughout all the ages, world without end*). Amen.

12 I am sending this short letter by Sil-va'nus, who I hear is a faithful brother to you, where I have written briefly, exhorting, and testifying that this is the true grace of God wherein you stand.

13 The church that is at Bab'y-lon, and all the fellow sharers (*of His life*) together with you, salutes you; as does Mar'cus my son (*in the faith*).

14 Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace be with you all that are in Christ Jesus. Amen.