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Book 60 1 Peter 001:001 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the chosen ones who are living as foreigners in the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, 001:002 according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, that you may obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with his blood: Grace to you and peace be multiplied. 001:003 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy became our father again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 001:004 to an incorruptible and undefiled inheritance that doesn't fade away, reserved in Heaven for you, 001:005 who by the power of God are guarded through faith for a salvation

ready to be revealed in the last time. 001:006
Wherein you greatly rejoice, though now for a
little while, if need be, you have been put to
grief in various trials, 001:007 that the proof
of your faith, which is more precious than gold
that perishes even though it is tested by fire,
may be found to result in praise, glory, and
honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ—
001:008 whom not having known you love; in
whom, though now you don't see him, yet
believing, you rejoice greatly with joy
unspeakable and full of glory— 001:009
receiving the result of your faith, the salvation
of your souls. 001:010 Concerning this
salvation, the prophets sought and searched
diligently, who prophesied of the grace that
would come to you, 001:011 searching for who
or what kind of time the Spirit of Christ, which
was in them, pointed to, when he predicted the
sufferings of Christ, and the glories that would
follow them. 001:012 To them it was revealed,
that not to themselves, but to you, they
ministered these things, which now have been
announced to you through those who preached
the Good News to you by the Holy Spirit sent
out from heaven; which things angels desire to
look into. 001:013 Therefore, prepare your
minds for action, {literally, "gird up the waist
of your mind"} be sober and set your hope
fully on the grace that will be brought to you
at the revelation of Jesus Christ— 001:014 as
children of obedience, not conforming
yourselves according to your former lusts as in
your ignorance, 001:015 but just as he who
called you is holy, you yourselves also be holy
in all of your behavior; 001:016 because it is

written, "You shall be holy; for I am holy."
{Leviticus 11:44-45} 001:017 If you call on
him as Father, who without respect of persons
judges according to each man's work, pass the
time of your living as foreigners here in
reverent fear: 001:018 knowing that you were
redeemed, not with corruptible things, with
silver or gold, from the useless way of life
handed down from your fathers, 001:019 but
with precious blood, as of a faultless and pure
lamb, the blood of Christ; 001:020 who was
foreknown indeed before the foundation of the
world, but was revealed at the end of times for
your sake, 001:021 who through him are
believers in God, who raised him from the
dead, and gave him glory; so that your faith
and hope might be in God. 001:022 Seeing you
have purified your souls in your obedience to
the truth through the Spirit in sincere
brotherly affection, love one another from the
heart fervently: 001:023 having been born
again, not of corruptible seed, but of
incorruptible, through the word of God, which
lives and remains forever. 001:024 For, "All
flesh is like grass, and all of man's glory like
the flower in the grass. The grass withers, and
its flower falls; 001:025 but the Lord's word
endures forever." {Isaiah 40:6-8} This is the
word of Good News which was preached to
you. 002:001 Putting away therefore all
wickedness, all deceit, hypocrisies, envies, and
all evil speaking, 002:002 as newborn babies,
long for the pure milk of the Word, that you
may grow thereby, 002:003 if indeed you have
tasted that the Lord is gracious: 002:004
coming to him, a living stone, rejected indeed

by men, but chosen by God, precious. 002:005 You also, as living stones, are built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 002:006 Because it is contained in Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, chosen, and precious: He who believes in him will not be disappointed." {Isaiah 28:16} 002:007 For you who believe therefore is the honor, but for those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected, has become the chief cornerstone," {Psalm 118:22} 002:008 and, "a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense." {Isaiah 8:14} For they stumble at the word, being disobedient, to which also they were appointed. 002:009 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light: 002:010 who in time past were no people, but now are God's people, who had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. 002:011 Beloved, I beg you as foreigners and pilgrims, to abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; 002:012 having good behavior among the nations, so in that of which they speak against you as evil-doers, they may by your good works, which they see, glorify God in the day of visitation. 002:013 Therefore subject yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether to the king, as supreme; 002:014 or to governors, as sent by him for vengeance on evil-doers and for praise to those who do well. 002:015 For this is the will

of God, that by well-doing you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: 002:016 as free, and not using your freedom for a cloak of wickedness, but as bondservants of God. 002:017 Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king. 002:018 Servants, be in subjection to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the wicked. 002:019 For it is commendable if someone endures pain, suffering unjustly, because of conscience toward God. 002:020 For what glory is it if, when you sin, you patiently endure beating? But if, when you do well, you patiently endure suffering, this is commendable with God. 002:021 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving you{TR reads "us" instead of "you"} an example, that you should follow his steps, 002:022 who did not sin, "neither was deceit found in his mouth." {Isaiah 53:9} 002:023 Who, when he was cursed, didn't curse back. When he suffered, didn't threaten, but committed himself to him who judges righteously; 002:024 who his own self bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live to righteousness; by whose stripes you were healed. 002:025 For you were going astray like sheep; but now have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer{"Overseer" is from the Greek episkopon, which can mean overseer, curator, guardian, or superintendent.} of your souls. 003:001 In like manner, wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; so that, even if any don't obey the Word, they may be won by the behavior of their wives without a word;

003:002 seeing your pure behavior in fear.
003:003 Let your beauty be not just the outward adorning of braiding the hair, and of wearing jewels of gold, or of putting on fine clothing; **003:004** but in the hidden person of the heart, in the incorruptible adornment of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God very precious. **003:005** For this is how the holy women before, who hoped in God also adorned themselves, being in subjection to their own husbands: **003:006** as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose children you now are, if you do well, and are not put in fear by any terror. **003:007** You husbands, in like manner, live with your wives according to knowledge, giving honor to the woman, as to the weaker vessel, as being also joint heirs of the grace of life; that your prayers may not be hindered. **003:008** Finally, be all like-minded, compassionate, loving as brothers, tenderhearted, courteous, **003:009** not rendering evil for evil, or reviling for reviling; but instead blessing; knowing that to this were you called, that you may inherit a blessing. **003:010** For, "He who would love life, and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil, and his lips from speaking deceit. **003:011** Let him turn away from evil, and do good. Let him seek peace, and pursue it. **003:012** For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears open to their prayer; but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil." {Psalm 34:12-16} **003:013** Now who is he who will harm you, if you become imitators of that which is good? **003:014** But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed.

"Don't fear what they fear, neither be troubled." {Isaiah 8:12} 003:015 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts; and always be ready to give an answer to everyone who asks you a reason concerning the hope that is in you, with humility and fear: 003:016 having a good conscience; that, while you are spoken against as evildoers, they may be disappointed who curse your good manner of life in Christ. 003:017 For it is better, if it is God's will, that you suffer for doing well than for doing evil. 003:018 Because Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring you to God; being put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit; 003:019 in which he also went and preached to the spirits in prison, 003:020 who before were disobedient, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, while the ark was being built. In it, few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. 003:021 This is a symbol of baptism, which now saves you— not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 003:022 who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, angels and authorities and powers being made subject to him. 004:001 Forasmuch then as Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind; for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin; 004:002 that you no longer should live the rest of your time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. 004:003 For we have spent enough of our past time doing the desire of the Gentiles, and

having walked in lewdness, lusts, drunken binges, orgies, carousings, and abominable idolatries. 004:004 They think it is strange that you don't run with them into the same excess of riot, blaspheming: 004:005 who will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. 004:006 For to this end the Good News was preached even to the dead, that they might be judged indeed as men in the flesh, but live as to God in the spirit. 004:007 But the end of all things is near. Therefore be of sound mind, self-controlled, and sober in prayer. 004:008 And above all things be earnest in your love among yourselves, for love covers a multitude of sins. 004:009 Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. 004:010 As each has received a gift, employ it in serving one another, as good managers of the grace of God in its various forms. 004:011 If anyone speaks, let it be as it were the very words of God. If anyone serves, let it be as of the strength which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. 004:012 Beloved, don't be astonished at the fiery trial which has come upon you, to test you, as though a strange thing happened to you. 004:013 But because you are partakers of Christ's sufferings, rejoice; that at the revelation of his glory you also may rejoice with exceeding joy. 004:014 If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed; because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. On their part he is blasphemed, but on your part he is glorified. 004:015 For let none

of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evil doer, or a meddler in other men's matters. 004:016 But if one of you suffers for being a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God in this matter. 004:017 For the time has come for judgment to begin with the household of God. If it begins first with us, what will happen to those who don't obey the Good News of God? 004:018 "If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will happen to the ungodly and the sinner?" {Proverbs 11:31} 004:019 Therefore let them also who suffer according to the will of God in doing good entrust their souls to him, as to a faithful Creator. 005:001 I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and who will also share in the glory that will be revealed. 005:002 Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion, but voluntarily, not for dishonest gain, but willingly; 005:003 neither as lording it over the charge allotted to you, but making yourselves examples to the flock. 005:004 When the chief Shepherd is revealed, you will receive the crown of glory that doesn't fade away. 005:005 Likewise, you younger ones, be subject to the elder. Yes, all of you gird yourselves with humility, to subject yourselves to one another; for "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble." {Proverbs 3:34} 005:006 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time; 005:007 casting all your worries on him, because he cares for you. 005:008 Be sober and self-controlled. Be watchful. Your

adversary the devil, walks around like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 005:009 Withstand him steadfast in your faith, knowing that your brothers who are in the world are undergoing the same sufferings. 005:010 But may the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a little while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. 005:011 To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen. 005:012 Through Silvanus, our faithful brother, as I consider him, I have written to you briefly, exhorting, and testifying that this is the true grace of God in which you stand. 005:013 She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, greets you; and so does Mark, my son. 005:014 Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace be to you all who are in Christ Jesus. Amen.

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