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1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,
To those who reside as aliens, scattered
throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia,
and Bithynia, who are chosen

2 according to the foreknowledge of God the
Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to
obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His
blood: May grace and peace be yours in the
fullest measure.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ, who according to His great
mercy has caused us to be born again to a
living hope through the resurrection of Jesus
Christ from the dead,

4 to obtain an inheritance which is
imperishable and undefiled and will not fade
away, reserved in heaven for you,

5 who are protected by the power of God
through faith for a salvation ready to be
revealed in the last time.

6 In this you greatly rejoice, even though now
for a little while, if necessary, you have been
distressed by various trials,

7 so that the proof of your faith, being more
precious than gold which is perishable, even
though tested by fire, may be found to result in
praise and glory and honor at the revelation of
Jesus Christ;

8 and though you have not seen Him, you love
Him, and though you do not see Him now, but
believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy
inexpressible and full of glory.

9 obtaining as the outcome of your faith the
salvation of your souls.

10 As to this salvation, the prophets who
prophesied of the grace that would come to
you made careful searches and inquiries,

11 seeking to know what person or time the
Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as
He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the
glories to follow.

12 It was revealed to them that they were not
serving themselves, but you, in these things

which now have been announced to you
through those who preached the gospel to you
by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things
into which angels long to look.

13 Therefore, prepare your minds for action,
keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely
on the grace to be brought to you at the
revelation of Jesus Christ.

14 As obedient children, do not be conformed
to the former lusts which were yours in your
ignorance,

15 but like the Holy One who called you, be
holy yourselves also in all your behavior;

16 because it is written, "You shall be holy, for
I am holy."

17 If you address as Father the One who
impartially judges according to each one's
work, conduct yourselves in fear during the
time of your stay on earth;

18 knowing that you were not redeemed with
perishable things like silver or gold from your
futile way of life inherited from your forefathers

19 but with precious blood, as of a lamb
unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ

20 For He was foreknown before the
foundation of the world, but has appeared in
these last times for the sake of you

21 who through Him are believers in God, who
raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory
so that your faith and hope are in God.

22 Since you have in obedience to the truth
purified your souls for a sincere love of the
brethren, fervently love one another from the
heart,

23 for you have been born again not of seed
which is perishable but imperishable, that is
through the living and enduring word of God

24 For, "All flesh is like grass,
And all its glory like the flower of grass.
The grass withers,

And the flower falls off,

25 But the word of the Lord endures forever
and this is the word which
was preached to you.