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I Peter

I. The security that we have in Christ - 1:1-12

A. The introduction to the book - 1:1-2

1. the book was written by Peter - 1:1a

Peter was an apostle

apostles were witnesses of the resurrection - Acts 1:21-22

Peter had been appointed an apostle by Christ

Christ chose the twelve to be apostles - Luke 6:13

2. the book was written to the saints in various areas - 1:1b

this book was written to pilgrims

this book was written to pilgrims in Pontus

this book was written to pilgrims in Galatia

this book was written to pilgrims in Cappadocia

this book was written to pilgrims in Asia

this book was written to pilgrims in Bithynia

3. the book was written to people with a relationship with God - 1:2

they were elect according to the foreknowledge of God

God chose us before the foundation of the world - Eph. 1:4; Col. 3:12

we were foreordained before the foundation of the world - I Pet. 1:20

they were sanctified by the Holy Spirit

the Holy Spirit set us apart through sanctification - II Thess. 2:13

they were set apart from sin to serve Christ

Christ set us apart and empowers each of us to serve - Eph. 4:15-16

Christ set us free to serve the living God - Heb. 9:14

they were saved through the sprinkling of the blood of Christ

without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness - Heb. 9:22

they were to experience the grace and peace of God

we were shown grace to receive salvation - Eph. 2:8-9

we grow in grace through Christ - II Pet. 3:18

we experience peace as we bring our requests to God - Phil. 4:4-7

we experience peace as we transform our thoughts - Phil. 4:8-9

B. We praise the Lord for the hope that we have in Him - 1:3-5

1. God has begotten us to a living hope - 1:3

God is the one who is Blessed

the Father is blessed and He blessed us - Eph. 1:3

God is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

the Father is well pleased with His Son - Matt. 17:5

God is the One that has shown abundant mercy

God saved us by His mercy - Titus 3:5

God has begotten us again to a living hope

we are born of God - John 1:13

this is a spiritual birth - John 3:5-7; 3:14-17

God has done this by raising Christ from the dead

God raised Christ from the dead - Acts 4:10

2. God has promised us an eternal inheritance - 1:4

God has promised us an inheritance

we are joint heirs with Christ - Rom. 8:17

we have been given the Holy Spirit as the down payment - Eph. 1:13-14

God says this inheritance is incorruptible

treasure in heaven does not corrupt - Matt. 6:19-21

God says this inheritance is undefiled

God is making all things new - Rev. 21:5

God says this inheritance does not fade away

the world and its works will be burned - II Pet. 3:10

God says this inheritance is reserved in heaven for us

Christ is preparing a place for us - John 14:3

3. God keeps us by His power - 1:5

God says we are kept by the power of God

nothing can separate us from the love of God - Rom. 8:31-39

God has done this through faith

God drew us to Christ and Christ saved us - John 6:37; Eph. 2:8-9

God has done this for our salvation

there is salvation in no one else - Acts 4:9-12

God will reveal this salvation fully in the last time

Christ will be revealed when He comes for us - Col. 3:4

C. We praise the Lord for the joy that we have in Him - 1:6-9

1. we can rejoice even in times of great trials - 1:6

we rejoice because of the promises that have been given to us
we have been given exceedingly precious promises - II Pet. 1:4
we can rejoice even when when we are grieving
God comforts us in all of our tribulation - II Cor. 1:3-4
we can rejoice even when experiencing many trials
we know that Christ has overcome the world - John 16:33

2. we know that our faith is being tested for approval - 1:7

the genuineness of our faith is very precious
the genuineness of our faith is shown by trials
we are able to count it all joy when we have trials - James 1:2
the genuineness of our faith will be praised when Christ comes
we will be blameless when Christ comes for us - I Cor. 1:7-8
the genuineness of our faith will be honored when Christ comes
Christ wants us to be vessels of honor when He comes - II Tim. 2:20-21
the genuineness of our faith will receive glory when Christ comes
we will receive the crown of life when He comes - James 1:12

3. we know we will rejoice with an inexpressible joy - 1:8

we love Christ although we have not yet seen Him
we are walking by faith and not by sight - II Cor. 5:7
we do not yet see Christ
we are looking for the appearing of Christ - Titus 2:13
we know and believe that we will see Christ
we know that we will see Him as He is - I John 3:2
we rejoice with joy inexpressible
we have joy that no one can take from us - John 16:22

4. we look forward to the full salvation of our souls - 1:9

we will see the completion of our faith
we will be like Him when we see Him - I John 3:2
we will see the salvation of our souls
there is no condemnation for those in Christ - Rom. 8:1

D. We praise the Lord for the ministry of the prophets - 1:10-12

1. the prophets wanted to know about this salvation - 1:10

the prophets inquired about this salvation

the Old Testament saints saw these promises afar off - Heb. 11:13

the prophets searched diligently to learn about this salvation

the prophets received witness through faith - Heb. 11:39-40

the prophets spoke of the grace that would come to us

the prophets promised salvation by grace - Is. 55:1-7

2. the prophets wanted to understand the death and resurrection - 1:11

the prophets spent time to search and try to learn

the prophets wrote even though they did not understand - II Pet. 1:19-21

the prophets wanted to know what the Spirit was telling them

Isaiah wanted to understand what the Spirit taught him - Is. 59:21

the prophets told about the sufferings of Christ

Isaiah 53 is a great illustration of a prophecy of Christ's sufferings

Christ taught what Moses and all the prophets said about Him - Luke 24:45-48

the prophets told about the glory that would follow

Isaiah 55 tells of the plan of God to provide salvation

Isaiah spoke of both the first and second coming of Christ - Is. 61:1-11

Isaiah even spoke of the new heavens and the new earth - Is. 64:17

3. the prophets realized they were ministering to us - 1:12

the prophets realized they were not speaking for themselves

Daniel was told to shut up the things he was writing - Daniel 12:4

the prophets learned that they were speaking for us

Daniel learned that what he wrote was sealed for later - Daniel 12:8-9

the prophets have their teaching revealed by those who teach

the sermon of Peter in Acts 2 quotes many Old Testament passages

Paul said that he declared the whole counsel of God - Acts 20:27

the prophets have their ministry explained through the Holy Spirit

the Holy Spirit is the One that teaches us all things - John 14:26

we speak the things that the Holy Spirit teaches us - I Cor. 2:13

we are given the mind of Christ through the Holy Spirit - I Cor. 2:16

the prophets even caused the angels to want to learn

these things have now been revealed to the angels - Eph. 3:10

II. The Surrendered Attitudes that we have in Christ - 1:13-2:10

A. We have a desire for holy living - 1:13-16

1. we are to prepare our minds for the coming of Christ - 1:13

we are to prepare our minds for action
“gird up” was a phrase meaning to get ready for action
we are to be sober minded
we are to be alert in our thoughts - I Thess. 5:6, 8
we are to rest our hope fully on grace
the return of Christ is our blessed hope - Titus 2:13
we will have that grace brought to completion
we will be like Christ when we see Him - I John 3:1-2
this will happen at the time Christ is revealed
this will happen when Christ comes for the church - I Thess. 4:13-18

2. we are to change our actions as we wait for His coming - 1:14

we are to be obedient children
we are to walk in the Spirit and be led by the Spirit - Gal. 5:16, 18
we are not to continue walking the way we used to walk
we are not to practice the works of the flesh - Gal. 5:19-21
we are not to walk the way we walked in our ignorance
we formerly had our understanding darkened - Eph 4:18
God calls men to repent from this ignorance - Acts 17:30

3. we have been called to live a holy life - 1:15

the One that has called us is holy
we are to be followers of God - Matt. 5:48; Eph. 5:1
we are called to be holy in all of our conduct
we are to be an example of the believers - I Tim. 4:12

4. we are to follow the example of Christ - 1:16

Christ calls us to be holy
we can only walk together if we are in agreement - Amos 3:3
Christ gave us the perfect example of holiness
Christ is without sin - I Pet. 2:21-24

B. We have a godly fear - 1:17-21

1. we know the Father will judge our works - 1:17

we call God our Father
we know that God judges without partiality
we know that God will judge everyone's work
we will all stand before the judgment seat of Christ - II Cor. 5:10
we are to live our lives with godly fear
godly fear causes us to be ready to share our hope - I Pet. 3:15

2. we have not been redeemed by corruptible things - 1:18

we were not redeemed by corruptible things
we were not redeemed by silver or gold
we were redeemed from our aimless conduct
we had this conduct passed on to us by tradition

3. we have been redeemed by the blood of Christ - 1:19

we were redeemed by the precious blood of Christ
we have redemption through the blood of Christ - Eph. 1:7
we know Christ was a lamb without blemish or spot
Christ was without spot or blemish - Heb. 9:14

4. we believe the One that was revealed to us - 1:20

Christ planned to redeem us before the world was created
we were chosen to be in Him before the creation - Eph. 1:4
Christ was revealed to us in these last times
God spoke to us in these last days through His Son - Heb. 1:2

5. we believe the One that God raised from the dead - 1:21

we believe in God through Christ
we come to the Father through Christ - John 14:6
we believe God raised Christ from the dead and gave Him glory
we believe that God raised Christ from the dead - Rom. 10:9
we have our faith and hope in God
we can draw near because of this faith and hope - Heb. 10:22-23

C. We have a fervent love - 1:22-25

1. we are to love one another with a pure heart - 1:22

we have purified our souls

we have yielded ourselves to righteousness - Rom. 6:16-17

we are able to obey the truth through the Spirit

we are able to obey because God is working in us - Phil. 2:12-13

we are to have a sincere love for the brethren

we are to love our brothers and sisters in Christ - I Pet. 2:17

we are to love one another fervently

we are to love as Christ loved us - John 13:34-35

we are to love one another with a pure heart

we are to serve one another in love - Gal. 5:13

2. we have been born again by the Word of God - 1:23

we have been born again

Christ told Nicodemus that he must be born again - John 3:3

this did not happen through corruptible seed but through incorruptible

Christ told him he needed both a physical and spiritual birth - John 3:5-7

we were born again through the Word of God

faith comes by hearing the Word of God - Rom. 10:17

we know that the Word of God lives and abides forever

God says His words will not pass away - Matt. 24:35

3. we know that those with physical life will die - 1:24

physical life is temporary just like the grass

all flesh is like grass and withers and fades - Is. 40:6-7

the glory of man passes away like the grass

both rich and poor pass away just like the grass - James 1:10-11

physical life ends just like the grass

4. we know that those with spiritual life will live forever - 1:25

the Word of the Lord endures forever

the Word of the Lord shall stand forever - Is. 40:8

this is the Word that was preached to us

the Gospel was preached and we were saved by it - I Cor. 15:1-8

D. We have a desire to grow and serve - 2:1-10

1. we choose to lay aside certain things - 2:1-3

a. there are things that we lay aside - 2:1

we are to lay aside all malice

malice is evil that comes from within - Titus 3:3

we are to lay aside all deceit

Christ did not have any deceit in His mouth - I Pet. 2:22

we are to avoid words of deceit - I Pet. 3:10

we are to lay aside hypocrisy

hypocrisy is always a characteristic of false teachers - I Tim. 4:2

Christians can also practice hypocrisy - Gal. 2:11-14

we are to lay aside envy

the religious leaders delivered up Christ because of envy - Matt. 27:18

envy is one of the results of pride - I Tim. 6:3-4

we are to lay aside all evil speaking

evil speaking is speaking against one another - II Cor. 12:20

b. there is one thing that helps us grow - 2:2

we are to be like newborn babes

this is a baby that has just been born

we are to desire the pure milk of the Word

milk is used to describe basic spiritual teachings - Heb. 5:12-13

spiritual milk must come before spiritual solid food - I Cor. 3:2

we are to grow through the Word

the Word of God is living and powerful - Heb. 4:12

the Word of God can bring us to spiritual maturity - II Tim. 3:16-17

c. there is the knowledge that Christ is gracious - 2:3

this is to be true of all that are Christians

we realize that we are saved by grace - Eph. 2:8-9

we have experienced what the Lord has provided

Christ tasted death for every person - Heb. 2:9

we have learned that the Lord is gracious

we learn that the grace of the Lord is sufficient - II Cor. 12:9

we are to be kind or gracious as a result - Eph. 4:32

2. we choose to come to the Living Stone - 2:4-6

a. we realize that Christ is the Living Stone - 2:4

we are to come to Christ and remain with Him

we are to abide in Christ - John 15:5

we come to Christ as to a living stone

Christ is the great massive rock - Matt. 16:18

we know that Christ was rejected by men

Christ was rejected of men - Is. 53:3

we know that Christ was chosen by God

the Father chose Christ to pay for our sins - II Cor. 5:21

we know that Christ is precious

Christ redeemed us with His precious blood - I Pet. 1:19

b. we realize that we are also living stones - 2:5

we are also living stones

Christ lives in us - Gal. 2:20

we are built up a spiritual house

we are a part of the household of God - Eph. 2:19

we are to called to be a holy priesthood

God said to be holy because He is holy - I Pet. 1:16

we are to offer up spiritual sacrifices

we do not have to offer blood sacrifices - Heb. 9:7

we offer our lives to Christ for His service - Rom. 12:1

these sacrifices will be acceptable to God through Christ

such sacrifices bring glory to God - I Pet. 4:11

c. we know Christ is the chief cornerstone - 2:6

the Scriptures spoke of Christ in the Old Testament

this verse is a quotation of Isaiah 28:16

God said He would lay a Chief Cornerstone in Zion

Christ is the Chief Cornerstone - Eph. 2:20

God said that this Chief Cornerstone would be precious

Christ is chosen of God and is precious - I Pet. 2:4

God said those who believe that One will not be ashamed

the hope we have in Christ does not make us ashamed - Rom. 5:5

those who believe in Christ will not be ashamed - Rom. 10:11

3. we choose to proclaim the praises of Him that called us - 2:7-10

a. Christ is the head of the corner to the church - 2:7

Christ is precious to those who believe
Christ is the stone that the builder rejected
the Lord caused the builders to reject this stone - Ps. 118:22-23
Christ has become the Chief Cornerstone

b. Christ is a stone of stumbling to those who reject - 2:8

Christ is a Stone of stumbling to those who reject
Christ is a Rock of Offence to those who reject
those who stumble are disobedient to the Word
we are to be doers of the Word - James 1:22
those who stumble are appointed to judgment
they have made the choice to follow Satan - John 16:11

c. Christ has called us to show forth His praises - 2:9

we are a chosen generation
we have been chosen to salvation - I Pet. 1:2
we are a royal priesthood
God had originally called Israel to be a kingdom of priests - Ex. 19:6
we are now called a kingdom of priests and will rule with Him - Rev. 5:10
we are His own special people
Christ chose us to be a people of His own - Titus 2:14
we are able to speak of the praises of Him
we are to share the Gospel with every creature - Mark 16:15
we have been called out of darkness into His marvelous light
Christ is the light of the world - John 8:12

d. Christ has called us to be the people of God - 2:10

we were not a people
we are now the people of God
Jews and Gentiles were made one in Christ - Eph. 3:13-18
we had not obtained mercy
we have now obtained mercy
Christ saved us by His mercy - Titus 3:5

III. The Submission the we demonstrate to Christ - 2:11-3:12

A. We submit to our government - 2:11-17

1. we choose to live godly lives in the world - 2:11-12

a, we are to abstain from fleshly lusts - 2:11

we are to recognize that we are sojourners
our citizenship is in heaven - Phil. 3:20
we are to realize that we are pilgrims
we are strangers and pilgrims on earth - Heb. 11:13
we are to abstain from fleshly lusts
fleshly lusts control us through sin - Rom. 7:14
we know that fleshly lusts war against the soul
fleshly lusts cause mental anguish - Rom. 7:14-25

b. we are to practice good works - 2:12

we are to have our conduct honorable among the Gentiles
we are to be holy in all of our conduct - I Pet. 1:15
we realize that they may call us evildoers
the world may call us evil when we do good - Acts 16:18-21
we are to lives godly lives which they can observe
we are to be rich in good works - I Tim. 6:18
we will see some glorify God in the day of visitation
we are to let our lights shine before men - Matt. 5:16

2. we choose to submit to the laws of governments - 2:13-17

a. we are to submit to government authorities - 2:13

we are to submit to every ordinance of man
we are to submit for conscience sake - Rom. 13:5
we submit because we are servants of Christ - Eph. 6:6
we are to do this for the Lord's sake
we do everything that we do for the Lord's sake - Col. 3:17
we are to submit to the king or other supreme ruler
we are to be subject to the higher powers - Rom. 13:1
we are to pray for those in authority - I Tim. 2:2

b. we are to recognize the role of governments - 2:14

we are to submit to governors

the principle of government was established by God - Rom. 13:1

we are to recognize that they serve to punish evildoers

rulers are given by God to execute wrath - Rom. 13:4

we are to recognize that they praise those who do good

rulers praise those that do what is good - Rom. 13:3

c. we are to do the will of God - 2:15

we are to do the will of God

we are not to live for the flesh but for the will of God - I Pet. 4:2

we are to do good

we are to do good to all people - Gal. 6:10

we will put the evil to silence by doing good

we will silence the evil by doing good - Titus 2:8

d. we use our freedom as servants of God - 2:16

we have been given liberty

we have been given liberty and set free - Gal. 5:1

we are not to use our liberty for sin

we are not to use our liberty to offend another - I Cor. 10:29

we are given liberty to serve one another in love - Gal. 5:13

we are to use our liberty as bondservants of God

where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty - II Cor. 3:17

e. we honor and love others - 2:17

we are to honor all people

Christ gave the example by honoring the Father - John 8:49

we begin by learning to honor our parents - Eph. 6:2

we are to love the brotherhood

we are to love as brothers - I Pet. 3:8, 4:8

we are to fear God

we are all to fear God - Rom. 11:20

servants are to fear God - Col. 3:22

we are to honor our rulers

we are to fear and honor our rulers - Prov. 24:21

B. We submit as servants (employees) - 2:18-20

1, servants are to be submissive to their masters - 2:18

servants are to be submissive to their masters

servants are to do this with all fear

servants are to serve their masters with fear - Eph. 6:5

servants are to do this if their masters are good and gentle

Christian masters are to be good and gentle - Eph. 6:9

servants are also to do this if their masters are harsh

such servants will be rewarded by the Lord - Col. 3:24

2. servants are to have a clear conscience before God - 2:19

servants are to seek what pleases God

servants are to serve to please the Lord - Eph. 6:7

servants are to do this heartily as to the Lord - Col. 3:23

we are to do all to the glory of God - I Cor. 10:31

servants are to have a clear conscience before God

servants are to focus on doing the will of God - Eph. 6:6

servants are to be willing to endure grief

servants are to serve with singleness of heart - Col. 3:22

servants are to be willing to suffer wrongfully

servants may be accused falsely - Matt. 5:11

Joseph gave us an example when he suffered wrongfully - Gen. 39:7-21

3. servants are to do good when they suffer - 2:20

servants will suffer when they do wrong

servants will suffer for doing wrong - Col. 3:25

servants are to take such suffering patiently

servants are to do the will of God from the heart - Eph. 6:6

servants may do good and still suffer

we are to behave ourselves in all things - II Cor. 1:12

servants are to take it patiently when they suffer for doing good

we are not to return evil for evil - I Pet. 3:9

servants will please God when they suffer with patience

Christ gave us an example of suffering with patience - Phil. 2:5-8

Christ gave us an example to follow in His steps - I Pet. 2:21

C. We submit by following the example of Christ - 2:21-25

1. Christ gave us an example to follow - 2:21

Christ calls us to be willing to suffer

we can be happy when we suffer for righteousness - I Pet. 3:14

Christ can do this because He suffered for us

Christ suffered as the just for the unjust - I Pet. 3:18

Christ left us an example by His suffering

we will suffer persecution as we live godly - II Tim. 3:12

Christ wants us to follow His example when we suffer

Christ gave us an example of serving - John 13:15

Christ gave us an example of suffering - I Pet. 2:23

2. Christ did not commit sin - 2:22

Christ did not commit sin when He suffered

Christ held His peace before the religious leaders - Matt. 26:63

even Pilate said Christ was without fault - John 19:6

Christ did not speak with deceit when He suffered

this was prophesied by Isaiah the prophet - Is. 53:9

3. Christ chose to commit Himself to the Father - 2:23

Christ was reviled when He suffered

Christ was reviled by false witnesses - Matt. 26:59-61

Christ was reviled by the soldiers of Pilate - John 19:1-3

Christ did not revile in return

Christ did not answer when the false witnesses accused Him - Matt. 26:62

Jesus did not answer Pilate after the Jews accused Him - John 19:9

Christ did not return railing for railing - I Pet. 3:9

Christ did not threaten when He suffered

Christ answered nothing when He was accused - Mark 15:3-5

Christ was led as a lamb to the slaughter - Is. 53:7

Christ committed Himself to the Father

Christ told Pilate that Pilate had no power in himself - John 19:11

Christ commended His spirit to the Father - Luke 23:46

Christ knows that the Father judges righteously

Christ chose the will of the Father - Matt. 26:39

the Lord is the righteous judge - II Tim. 4:8

4. Christ bore our sins on the cross - 2:24

Christ, Himself, bore our sins

Christ came as the Lamb of God - John 1:29

Christ gave Himself for us - Titus 2:14

Christ became sin for us - II Cor. 5:21

Christ bore our sins in His body

Christ became our substitute by shedding His own blood - Heb. 9:12

Christ was offered to bear the sins of many - Heb. 9:28

Christ bore our sins on the cross

Christ was hanged on a tree for us - Acts 5:30

Christ was slain and hanged on a tree - Acts 10:39

Christ became a curse for us - Gal. 3:13

Christ did this so that now we have died to sins

our old man was crucified with Him - Rom. 6:9

Christ died so we can do the will of God - I Pet. 4:1-2

Christ did this so we could live for righteousness

we are now able to yield our lives as instruments of righteousness - Rom. 6:13

we are now able to share the message of reconciliation - II Cor. 5:19

Christ healed us by His stripes

quoted from Isaiah 53:5

we are healed from the disease of sin - Luke 4:18

5. Christ is the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls - 2:25

we were like sheep going astray

we have all gone astray like sheep - Is. 53:6

Christ said that people are like scattered sheep - Matt. 9:36

Christ is concerned to look for the sheep - Matt. 18:12; Luke 15:4

we have now returned to our Shepherd

Christ invites all to come to Him - Matt. 11:28-30

Christ is our Good Shepherd - John 10:10

Christ is our Great Shepherd - Heb. 13:20

Christ is our Chief Shepherd - I Pet. 5:4

we have now returned to the Overseer of our souls

Christ watches over each one of us to the smallest detail - Luke 12:7

Christ delegated direct oversight to the elders - I Pet. 5:1-3

Paul showed how elders carry out this ministry - II Cor. 12:15

the elders are to protect from false teachers - Acts 20:29

the elders are to protect from self seeking leaders - Acts 20:30

D. We submit as wives - 3:1-6

1. wives can win their husbands by a godly life - 3:1-4

a. wives can win their husband by their conduct - 3:1

wives are to be submissive to their own husbands

we are to submit to one another - Eph. 5:21

wives are to submit to their own husbands - Col. 3:18

wives have been given an example by Christ - I Cor. 11:3

wives may have husbands that do not obey the Word

no mention is made of the faith of the father of Timothy - II Tim. 1:5

wives can win their husbands without a word

godly behavior can win a husband to Christ - I Cor. 7:16

wives can win their husbands by their changed conduct

we are to be transformed by the renewing of our minds - Rom. 12:2

b. wives will have their godly conduct observed - 3:2

husbands will notice their chaste conduct

we are to be holy in all areas of life - I Pet. 1:15

we are to focus on strengthening the inner man - Eph. 3:16

godly conduct causes people to turn to God - I Pet. 2:12

husbands will notice their godly fear

husbands and others will notice changed behavior - I Pet. 2:12

we are to become rooted and grounded in love - Eph. 3:17-19

the wife is to show reverence to her husband - Eph. 5:33

c. wives do not win others by their outward appearance - 3:3

wives are not just to focus on their outward appearance

the Lord says that He looks on the heart - I Sam. 16:7

we are to renew our inner man daily - II Cor. 4:16

we are to abstain from fleshly lusts - I Pet. 2:11

wives will not win their husbands by fancy hair arrangements

God warned the women of Israel of the danger of pride - Is. 3:16

wives will not win their husbands by wearing gold jewelry

we are not to focus on the things that are seen - II Cor. 4:18

wives will not win their husbands by wearing fine clothes

a gentle and quiet spirit will make a great impact - I Pet. 3:4

d. wives do win others by their godly character - 3:4

wives will win their husbands by the hidden person of the heart

women and men are to have their lives hidden in God - Col. 3:3

women and men are to put on the new man - Col. 3:9-10

godly women have righteousness and true holiness - Eph. 4:23-24

wives win their husbands by the beauty of a gentle spirit

Christ said the meek or the gentle will inherit the earth - Matt. 5:5

gentleness is one of the fruits of the spirit - Gal. 5:23

a gentle spirit may lead the husband to listen to other men - I Cor. 14:24-25

wives win their husbands by the beauty of a quiet spirit

a quiet spirit is one that is settled in the faith - Col. 1:23

a quiet spirit is one that acts out of love - I John 4:18

2. wives are given an example by Sarah - 3:5-6

a. Sarah was an example of many wives - 3:5

this is the way women had an impact in former times

Sarah learned that nothing is too hard for the Lord - Gen. 18:14-15

these holy women had their trust in God

Sarah was submissive even when Abraham failed - Gen. 12:10-16

these holy women chose to have a gentle and quiet spirit

such a spirit is precious in the sight of God - I Pet. 3:4

these women chose to be submissive to their own husbands

the Lord protected Sarah when Abraham failed - Gen. 12:17-20

b. Sarah showed her submissive spirit - 3:6

Sarah showed her submission when she obeyed Abraham

Sarah received a son through faith - Heb. 11:11

Sarah showed her submission by calling Abraham, lord

Sarah called him lord when promised a son - Gen. 18:11-12

Sarah gave an example for spiritual descendants

we are the children of the free woman - Gal. 4:28-31

Sarah gave an example of doing good

Sarah was an example of reverencing her husband - Eph. 5:33

Sarah gave an example by not being afraid

Sarah trusted the Lord even when Abraham failed - Gen. 20:1-13

perfect love casts out fear - I John 4:18

E. We submit as husbands - 3:7

husbands show their submission by being understanding

husbands are to nourish and cherish their wives - Eph. 5:29

husbands show their submission by giving honor to their wife

husbands are to love their wives as Christ loved the church - Eph. 5:25

husbands show submission by recognizing their wife is weaker

husbands are to help their wives grow in the Word - Eph. 5:26

husbands and wives are heirs together of the grace of life

husbands are to love their wives as they love themselves - Eph. 5:33

husbands that are submissive will not have their prayers hindered

husbands are not to become bitter toward their wives - Col. 3:19

F. we submit to one another - 3:8-12

1. we are all to submit with godly character - 3:8

we are all to be of one mind

we are to esteem others better than ourselves - Phil. 2:1-4

we are to have compassion for one another

we do this by suffering with one another - I Cor. 12:26

we are to love as brothers

we are to love one another with a pure heart - I Pet. 1:22

we are to be tenderhearted

we are to be kind and tenderhearted - Eph. 4:32

we are to be courteous

we are to bear with one another in love - Eph. 4:2

we are not to return evil for evil

we are even to treat unbelievers with God's love - Matt 5:44

2. we submit by giving a blessing - 3:9

we are not to return reviling for reviling

Christ is our example - I Pet. 2:23

we are to give a blessing instead

we are to bless even those that curse us - Luke 6:28

we know that we have been called to act this way

we are called to bring glory to God - I Cor. 10:31

we have been called to inherit a blessing

God has blessed us with all spiritual blessings - Eph. 1:3

3. we submit to the Scriptures - 3:10-12

this includes the way we talk - 3:10

we are told how to love life

these three verses are a quote from Psalm 34:12-16
Christ came so that we could have an abundant life - John 10:10

we are told how to have good days

those with a merry heart have a continual feast - Prov. 15:15

we are told to keep our tongue from speaking evil

we are to avoid corrupt communication - Eph. 4:29

we are told to keep our lips from speaking deceit

we are to speak the truth in love - Eph. 4:15

this includes the way we act - 3:11

we are to go out of our way to avoid evil

we are to completely avoid any evil in our actions - Rom. 12:9

we are to do good

we are to do good to all people - Gal. 6:10

we are to have a good conscience toward God in all that we do - I Pet. 3:16

we are to seek peace

Satan seeks to destroy but we are to seek peace - I Pet. 5:8

we are to do all we can to live in peace - Rom. 12:18

we are to follow the things that make peace and build up others - Rom. 14:19

we are to pursue peace

we are to follow the things that produce peace - II Tim. 2:22

we seek godly wisdom so that we can make peace - Jam. 3:17-18

this includes a promise of answered prayer - 3:12

the Lord watches over those that are righteous

the eyes of the Lord are on those that fear Him - Psalm 33:18

the Lord tests the righteous and judges the wicked - Psalm 11:5

the Lord hears the prayers of the righteous

the Lord hears the prayer of the righteous who suffer - Jam. 5:4

the Lord hears the prayers of any righteous person - Jam. 5:16-18

the Lord sets His face against those who do evil

the Lord sees both the evil and the good - Prov. 15:3

the Lord will blot out the remembrance of the evil from the earth - Psalm 34:16

IV. The Suffering that we Endure for Christ - 3:13-4:19

A. We suffer for the sake of righteousness - 3:13-17

1. we are to be followers of what is good - 3:13

we can avoid most people doing evil to us

widows are to be well reported of for their good works - I Tim. 5:10
most people will stop speaking evil when they see our good works - I Pet. 2:12

we see that will happen as we follow what is good

we can overcome most evil with good - Rom. 12:21
we will occasionally suffer for doing good - I Pet. 2:20

2. we are to be willing to suffer for righteousness - 3:14

we may suffer for the sake of righteousness

we may suffer wrongfully for Christ - I Pet. 2:19-20
we are to be willing to suffer for being Christians - I Pet. 4:12-16

we will be blessed if we suffer for the sake of righteousness

we are blessed when we endure testing - Jam. 1:12

we do not need to be afraid of threats

we do not need to fear those who can only kill the body - Matt. 12:28

we do not need to be troubled by threats

we will not be troubled if we choose to obey God - Acts 5:28-29

3. we are to always be ready to speak of our hope in Christ - 3:15

we are to set apart the Lord in our hearts

we are to realize that God is holy - Matt. 6:9

we are to be ready to give a defense of our hope

we need to be set for the defense of the Gospel - Phil. 1:17
we will at times need to answer those who reject - Titus 1:9-11
we have times when we can set appointments to share - Acts 28:20-24

we are to be ready to do this to everyone that asks

we are to ask God for wisdom to answer every person- Col. 4:6

we are to give that defense with meekness

we are even to answer those who oppose - II Tim. 2:25-26

we are to give that defense with fear

we are to serve with godly reverence and fear - Heb. 12:28-29

we are to have a godly fear - I Pet. 1:17

4. we are to have a good conscience when we suffer - 3:16

we are to make sure we have a clear conscience

we are to pray that we will have a good conscience - Heb. 13:18

we want a conscience void of offence before God and men - Acts 24:16

we may be accused of being evildoers

we may have people speak evil even when we do good - I Pet. 2:12

we may even be reviled for doing good

Christ did not revile when He was reviled - I Pet. 2:23

we are to make sure that we are not ashamed before Christ

we will all stand before the judgment seat of Christ - II Cor. 5:10

5. we may suffer because it is the will of God - 3:17

it is important to be prepared to suffer

we are to be prepared for tribulation - Acts 14:22

we may suffer for doing the will of God

we may suffer according to the will of God - I Pet. 4:19

we are to make sure we suffer for doing good

we may suffer for doing good - I Pet. 2:20

we are not to suffer because we have done evil

we are not to suffer because we have done evil - I Pet. 4:15

B. We learn how to suffer when we follow the example of Christ - 3:18-22

1. Christ gave us an example by His suffering - 3:18

Christ suffered once for our sins

Christ offered His blood once for us - Heb. 9:12

Christ bore our sins in His body - I Pet. 2:24

Christ suffered as the One that is just

Christ is the One that is just or righteous - I John 2:1

Christ suffered for those who are unjust

the unrighteous cannot inherit eternal life - I Cor. 6:9

Christ suffered so that He could bring us to God

Christ became sin for us to give us His righteousness - II Cor. 5:21

Christ experienced a physical death

Christ finished His work and gave up the spirit - John 19:30

Christ was brought back to life by the Spirit

Christ commended His Spirit to the Father - Luke 24:46

2. Christ preached to the spirits in prison - 3:19-20

Christ went and preached to the spirits when He died

Christ went to paradise when He died - Luke 23:43

Christ preached to those who were disobedient

Christ descended into the lower parts of the earth - Eph. 4:8-9; Luke 16:23-31

Christ preached to those who experienced the longsuffering of God

God gave them all the time Noah was preparing the ark - II Pet. 2:5

Christ knew how long the Father had waited in the days of Noah

God had waited one hundred and twenty years - Genesis 6:3

Christ knew that He waited while the ark was prepared

God waited because of the faith of Noah - Heb. 11:7

Christ knew that only eight people were saved in that day

God called the family of Noah into the ark - Genesis 7:7

3. Christ saved us by His resurrection - 3:21

this is an earthly picture of a heavenly event

Christ presented His blood to the Father - Heb. 9:12

Christ said this a picture of baptism

the Holy Spirit baptized us by placing us in the body of Christ - I Cor. 12:12

Christ said that baptism does not remove the sin of the flesh

salvation happens through repentance and faith - Acts 20:21; Rom. 10:9-10

Christ said that baptism does show a good conscience toward God

we had our conscience purged from dead works - Heb. 9:14

Christ said that this good conscience happens through Christ

we are now able to draw near to Christ with full assurance - Heb. 10:22

4. Christ is now in heaven - 3:22

Christ has now gone into the heavens

Christ was taken up into heaven - Acts 1:9

Christ is now sitting on the right hand of the Father

Christ is seated on the right hand of the throne - Heb. 8:1

Christ has had the angels made subject to Him

Christ is above the angels - Heb. 1:7-9

Christ has had the authorities made subject to Him

Christ is the One who is now above everyone - Phil. 2:9-11

Christ has had the powers made subject to Him

Christ is above all principalities and powers - Eph. 1:20-21

C. We suffer by following the example of Christ - 4:1-6

1. we are to be prepared to suffer in the flesh - 4:1

Christ suffered for us in the flesh

Christ suffered for us to bring us to God - I Pet. 3:18

Christ calls us to have the same attitude

we are to be willing to die to bring life to others - II Cor. 4:8-12

Christ suffered on the cross for our sin

Christ bore our sin in His body on the cross - I Pet. 2:24

Christ has permanently set us free from sin

we have been set free from sin - Rom. 6:6-7

2. we are to live to do the will of God - 4:2

Christ has given us a new purpose in life

we have been set free and motivated to serve Christ - II Cor. 5:14-15

Christ set us free from serving sinful lusts

we have been set free from the yoke of bondage of sin - Gal. 5:1

Christ set us free to do the will of God

we have been set free to do the will of God - Gal. 5:13

3. we are no longer to live like the Gentiles - 4:3

we spent enough of our past life time doing the will of the Gentiles

our spirit was separated from life with God - Gen. 2:17; 3:8

(this affected all five parts of the human spirit)

natural light - we rejected the natural light of creation - Rom. 1:19-20

conscience - our conscience was darkened - Rom. 1:21

wisdom - we rejected the wisdom of God - Rom. 1:22

sensitivity - we became sensitive to sin - Rom. 1:23

creativity - we looked for new ways to sin - Rom. 1:24-32

we walked in all kinds of sin when we were without Christ

we practiced the works of the flesh - Gal. 5:18-21

lewdness - the filthy conduct of the wicked - II Pet. 2:7

lusts - the sinful desires of the flesh - Gal. 5:16, 24

drunkenness - drinking of alcohol with the result of loss of self control

revelries - a wild brawling drunken orgy in the streets

drinking parties - a party where people drink until they are drunk

abominable idolatries - the sins that go along with idol worship

4. we may have others speak evil of us - 4:4

those that are not Christians think we are strange

they may think our teaching is strange - Acts 17:18-20
they cannot understand why we return blessing for evil - I Pet. 3:9
they cannot understand why we walk differently - Rom. 13:13

those that are not Christians expect us to live as they do

our past life was also a life of sin - I Pet. 4:3
we have been given liberty from our bondage to sin - Gal. 5:1
we are choosing to use our liberty to serve one another - Gal. 5:13

those that are not Christians often speak evil of us

they will give an account for the words that they speak - Matt. 12:36
every person will give an account of himself to God - Rom. 14:11-12
they speak evil but our good behavior may win them - I Pet. 2:12

5. we know they will give an account to the judge - 4:5

God is the One that is the judge

every one will give an account to God - Rom. 14:12
Christians will give an account at the judgment seat of Christ - I Cor. 5:10
unbelievers will give an account at the great white throne - Rev. 20:11

God will judge the living

Christians have been given eternal life - John 3:16
Christians will be judged to see what rewards they get - I Cor. 3:12-15

God will judge the dead

unbelievers are spiritually dead in their trespasses and sins - Eph. 2:1
unbelievers are spiritually dead and will be judged by their works - Rev. 20:11-15

6. we are to live according to God in the spirit - 4:6

the Gospel was preached to those who had died

Christ preached to all who died - I Peter 3:19
this was a message of life for all who believed - II Cor. 2:16
this was a message of death to all who rejected - II Cor. 2:16

they were judged as men according to the flesh

in Adam all die a physical death - I Cor. 15:22
every person has an appointment with death - Heb. 9:27

they live according to God in the spirit

in Christ all that believe are made alive - I Cor. 15:22
we were made alive and saved by grace - Eph. 2:3-5

D. We suffer in the strength that Christ provides - 4:7-11

1. we are to be soberminded - 4:7

the completion of all things is at hand

we are looking for the return of Christ - I Pet. 2:12
there will be no advance warning of His coming - I Cor. 15:52

we are to be soberminded or serious

we are to think humbly and soberly - Rom. 12:3
we are to have a humble mind - Phil. 2:3-4

we are to be watchful and praying

we want to be ready when the Lord comes - I Thess. 4:16-17
we want to be pure because of the hope that we have - I John 3:3

2. we are to have a fervent love for one another - 4:8

we are to have a fervent love for each other

we are to love as Christ loved us - John 13:34-35

we are to realize that love will cover sins

this was the original thought of Joseph - Matt. 1:19
we also cover sins by turning people to the truth - James 5:19-20

3. we are to show hospitality to one another - 4:9

we are to be hospitable to one another

we are to use our homes as places to minister - Rom. 16:3-5
we are even to be hospitable to strangers - Heb. 13:1-2

we are to show hospitality without grumbling

we are not to complain about one another - James 5:9

4. we are to use our gifts to serve one another - 4:10

we have all received a gift or gifts

the Holy Spirit gives us different gifts - I Cor. 12:4-7
the Holy Spirit gave these gifts according to His will - I Cor. 12:11

we are to use our gifts to serve one another

we are to serve one another in love - Gal. 5:13
leaders are to use their gifts to equip the saints - Eph. 4:11-13

we are to be good stewards of the grace of God

we are to be faithful stewards of the gifts of God - Luke 19:11-26

5. we are told how to speak and how to serve - 4:11

we are to speak the very words of God

Moses received the very words of God - Acts 7:38
the Jews were given the very words of God - Rom. 3:2
people need to learn the first principles of the very words of God - Heb. 5:12

we are to serve in the strength that God gives

we can do nothing in our own strength - John 15:5
we can do all things through the strength He gives - Phil. 4:13

we are to do all things to bring glory to God

we are to do all to the glory of God - I Cor. 10:31

we bring glory to God through Christ

we are to the praise of His glory because we trusted in Christ - Eph. 1:12

we know glory belongs to God forever and ever

glory belongs to God because of His wisdom and ways - Rom. 11:33-36
glory belongs to God for working in us and through us - Eph. 3:20-21

E. We suffer according to the will of God 4:12-19

1. we should not be surprised when we suffer - 4:12

we should not be surprised when we suffer

we have been told that we will suffer - I Thess. 3:2-4
we realize that suffering does not happen by chance
the trial of our faith is much more precious than gold - I Pet. 1:7

2. we should rejoice when we suffer - 4:13

we are to rejoice in our sufferings

we are being tested by our sufferings to bring glory to Christ - I Pet. 1:9

we are to expect suffering - I Pet. 4:12

we are to rejoice in suffering - I Pet. 4:13-14

we are to make certain we are suffering for Christ - I Pet. 4:15-18

we are to commit ourselves to God when suffering - I Pet. 4:19

we are to realize that we are sharing Christ's sufferings

we can know the fellowship of His sufferings - Phil. 3:10

we look beyond the sufferings to the revealing of His glory

we look to eternal glory beyond our sufferings - I Pet. 5:10

we can be glad with exceeding joy

Christ will present us to the Father with exceeding joy - Jude 24

3. we are to make sure we suffer for Christ - 4:14-16

a. we can be happy when we suffer for Christ - 4:14

we may be reproached for the name of Christ

we may have people speak against us for Christ's sake - Matt. 5:11-12

we are blessed when we are reproached for Christ

we will be rewarded if we are reproached for Christ - Luke 6:23-24

reproach for Christ is greater riches than worldly treasure - Heb. 11:25-26

we have the Spirit of glory and God resting on us

we are being changed into the image of Christ - II Cor. 3:18

those who make us suffer are blaspheming God

people treat us the way they feel about Christ - John 15:18-21

those who make us suffer cause us to bring glory to God

some will be brought to salvation and glorify God - I Pet. 2:12

God gives us His strength when we suffer - II Cor. 12:7-10

b. we are to make certain we are not suffering for our own sin - 4:15

we are not to suffer because we are a murderer

we are to forgive instead - Eph. 4:32

we are not to suffer because we are a thief

we are to share with others instead - Eph. 4:28

we are not to suffer because we are an evildoer

we are to do good to all people - Gal. 6:10

we are not to suffer because we are a busybody

one who meddles is a fool - Prov. 20:3

we are to mind our own business - I Thess. 4:11

c. we are not to be ashamed if we suffer for Christ - 4:16

we are to be ready to suffer for our faith in Christ

we may suffer from others for pleasing Christ - I Pet. 3:17-18

we are not to be ashamed when we suffer for Christ

we are to willingly suffer for Christ - II Cor. 12:10

we can be happy when we suffer for righteousness sake - I Pet. 3:14

we are to glorify God when we suffer as a Christian

this was originally a term to mock Christians - Acts 11:26

we are called to suffer for Christ - I Pet. 2:20-21

all who live godly lives will suffer - II Tim. 3:12

4. we are to suffer according to the will of God - 4:17-19

a. we realize that judgment must begin with us - 4:17

judgment begins in the household of God

God disciplines those that He loves - Heb. 12:6

God disciplines us to produce the fruit of righteousness - Heb. 12:11

judgment begins with us first

God disciplines us so we will not be condemned with the world - I Cor. 11:32

God disciplines us for our own profit - Heb. 12:10

judgment will come to those who do not obey the Gospel

the Lord has set His face against those that do evil - I Pet. 3:12

the Lord has a day of judgment for ungodly men - II Pet. 3:7

God will punish them with everlasting judgment - II Thess. 2:8-9

b. we realize the ungodly face a severe judgment - 4:18

the righteous will be saved and stand

only a few choose righteousness - Matt. 7:14

God is able to make us stand - Rom. 14:4

nothing can separate us from the love of God - Rom. 8:35-39

the unrighteous will not stand

the unrighteous cannot stand - Phil. 2:10-11

the unrighteous will be judged according to their works - Rev. 20:11-13

the unrighteous will experience eternal judgment - Rev. 20:15

c. we are to commit ourselves to our creator when we suffer - 4:19

we can expect to suffer according to the will of God

we can count it a privilege to suffer for Christ - Acts 5:41

all who live godly will suffer persecution - II Tim. 3:12

God allows us to suffer to strengthen us - I Pet. 5:10

we are to commit our souls to Him

Daniel's friends committed themselves to God - Dan. 3:16-18

Daniel committed himself to God - Dan. 6:10, 22

we are to commit our souls to God when we suffer - I Pet. 2:20

we are to remember that He is a faithful Creator

God will keep all that are committed to Him - II Tim. 1:12

we have been sealed unto the day of redemption - Eph. 4:30

Christ will present us faultless before the Father - Jude 24

V. The Service that we have through Christ - 5:1-14

A. We serve by the way we lead and follow in the church - 5:1-4

1. the elders are given instruction for leading - 5:1

Peter wrote to the elders that were among the people
the church at Jerusalem was led by a group of elders - Acts 15:6, 22
every church that was started was led by a group of elders - Acts 14:23
Paul had a final meeting with the elders of the church at Ephesus - Acts 20:17

Peter said that he was a fellow elder with the other elders
Peter considered himself a servant like all of the other elders - II Pet. 1:1

Peter said that he was a witness of the sufferings of Christ
Peter was an eyewitness of both Christ's sufferings and majesty - II Pet. 1:16

Peter said they would share the glory that will be revealed
Peter knew a little of what that glory was like - Matt. 17:1-8

2. the elders are to lead willingly - 5:2

the elders are to shepherd the flock of God
the word "pastors" in Eph. 4:11 is translated shepherds in every other passage
Christ told the disciples to shepherd His sheep - John 21:16

the elders are to take the oversight of the flock of God
oversight includes feeding the church of God - Acts 20:28
oversight includes guarding the flock from false teachers - Acts 20:29-31

the elders are to lead willingly and not by compulsion
spiritual leaders are called by God - I Cor. 9:16

the elders are not to lead for dishonest gain
the elders are to seek the eternal inheritance - Acts 20:32
false teachers look for dishonest gain - II Peter 2:1-3

3. the elders are to lead by example - 5:3

the elders are not to lord it over the flock of God
those who lord it over others have wrong motives - III John 9-10
godly leaders are to be servants of all - Mark 10:42-45

the elders are to lead the flock of God by example
we are to follow the example of Christ - Phil. 2:5-8
we are to be able to invite people to imitate us - I Cor. 11:1
Timothy was told to be an example to the believers - I Tim. 4:12

4. the elders can look forward to rewards - 5:4

the elders are to be looking for the coming of the chief Shepherd

Christ is the Good Shepherd of the sheep - John 10:11

Christ is the Great Shepherd of the sheep - Heb. 13:20

we are to be looking for the coming of Christ - Titus 2:13

the elders will be rewarded when the chief Shepherd appears

the Lord will reward all works that have eternal benefit - I Cor. 3:12-15

the elders will receive the crown of glory

other crowns are various forms of rewards

Christians will receive the crown of life - James 1:12, Rev. 2:10

Christians will receive the crown of righteousness - II Tim. 4:8

Christians will receive a crown of rejoicing - I Thess. 2:19

Christians will receive an incorruptible crown - I Cor. 9:24-25

elders will all receive the crown of glory - I Pet. 5:4

the elders will receive a crown that will never fade

this reward is an eternal reward - contrast James 1:9-11

B. We serve by ministering to one another - 5:5

the younger believers are to submit themselves to the elders

we are to obey those over us because they give an account to God - Heb. 13:7

we are to be in submission to all that are in leadership - Rom. 13:1

we are all to be in submission to one another

Christ came to do the will of the Father - John 6:38-39

Christ gave us the perfect example of submission - Matt. 26:39

Christians are to submit ourselves to God - James 4:7

Christians are to submit to one another in our relationships - Eph. 5:21

Christians are to submit to every ordinance of man - I Pet. 2:13

we are all to be clothed with humility

we are to esteem others better than ourselves - Phil. 2:3

we are to humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God - I Pet. 5:6

we are to associate ourselves with the humble - Rom. 12:16

we are to recognize that God resists the proud

God judged Satan and the nations for pride - Is. 14:12-17

God judged many people for their pride - Acts 12:23

God will always resist the proud - James 4:6

we are to recognize that God gives grace to the humble

God will always give grace to the humble - James 4:6

God will one day exalt the humble - James 4:10

C. We serve by our submission to the Lord - 5:6-11

1. we are to humble ourselves before God - 5:6

we are to humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God
we realize the goal of God is to conform us to Christ - Rom. 8:28-29
Paul gives us an example of humbling himself before God - II Cor. 12:7-10
we will see God exalt us in due time
God will lift us up in His time - James 4:10

2. we are to cast all our cares on the Lord - 5:7

we are to cast all of our cares on God
this verse comes from Psalm 55:22
we are to entrust our worries to Christ - Matt. 6:25-34
we are to entrust our burdens to Christ - Matt. 11:28-30
we are to realize that God really cares for us
Christ promises to give us rest - Matt. 11:28
Christ has already given us victory - I Cor. 15:57-58
God has said He will never forsake us - Heb. 13:5

3. we are to recognize our adversary - 5:8-9

a. we are to recognize our adversary the devil - 5:8

we are to be sober
we are to be sober and stand strong in hope - I Pet. 1:13
we are to be soberminded as we wait for Christ - I Pet. 4:7
we are to be vigilant
we are in a spiritual conflict - Eph. 6:12-18
we are to recognize that our adversary is the devil
our adversary is not other Christians - Luke 9:49-50
our adversary is not even non-Christians - Hebrews 2:14-15
(they have been and are still in bondage to Satan)
Satan is the accuser of the brethren - Rev. 12:10
we are to recognize that the devil goes around like a roaring lion
Satan wants to deceive us as he deceived Eve - Gen. 3:1-6
Satan wants to discourage us as he discouraged Elijah - I Kings 19:9-10
we are to recognize that the devil is looking for people to devour
Satan wants to devour us as the lions devoured the enemies of Daniel - Dan. 6:24

b. we are to resist our adversary the devil - 5:9

we are to resist the devil

when we resist the devil, he will flee from us - Jam. 4:7
we resist the devil with the Word and prayer - Eph. 6:17-18

we are to be steadfast in the faith

we are to be steadfast and unmovable - I Cor. 15:58
we are to realize that other Christians are also suffering
we face the same temptations that others face - I Cor. 10:13
we realize all believers will have opposition in the world
all who live godly lives will suffer opposition - II Tim. 3:12

4. we are to grow to maturity through suffering - 5:10

we serve the God of grace

we were even given the grace to be saved - Eph. 2:8-9

we serve the God that has called us to eternal glory

the salvation in Christ includes eternal glory - II Tim. 2:10

we are able to serve God through Christ

Christ set us free to serve God - Heb. 9:14

we can expect to suffer for a little while

we may suffer for a season - I Pet. 1:6-7

we are being brought to maturity through suffering

suffering causes us to trust in God - II Cor. 1:8-11

we are being established through suffering

God wants to establish us in our faith - I Thess. 3:2

God wants to establish our hearts unblameable in holiness - I Thess. 3:13

we are being strengthened through suffering

God teaches us to depend on His strength - II Cor. 12:9-10

we are being settled through suffering

God wants us to be grounded and settled in our faith - Col. 1:23

5. we are to give all glory to God - 5:11

God is the One to whom belongs all glory

one day all will be forced to give glory - Phil., 2:9-11

God is the One who rules all things

Christ will deliver up the kingdom to the Father - I Cor. 15:24

God is the One that will rule forever

there will be no end to the kingdom that God will establish - Is.9:7

D. The conclusion to the book - 5:12-14

1. Peter sent the letter by Silvanus - 5:12

Silvanus also traveled with Paul and Timothy

Silas was originally a part of the church at Jerusalem - Acts 15:22, 32-34

Silvanus was a faithful brother

Silas had also served faithfully with Paul - Acts 15:40-18:5

Peter said he had written a short letter

this was a short letter to encourage those suffering - I Pet. 1:6-7

Peter wrote this letter to exhort us about the grace of God

the grace of God was what brought salvation to us - Titus 2:11

the grace of God also causes us to serve others - II Cor. 8:1

the grace of God makes it possible for us to live changed lives - II Cor. 1:12

Peter wrote this letter to testify about the grace of God

the grace of God was why Christ died for us - Heb. 2:9

Peter said that we stand in the grace of God

we stand in the Gospel received by grace - I Cor. 15:1

2. Peter wrote to the church in Babylon - 5:13

Peter said that the church in Babylon was elect

this probably refers to a church in Rome - Rev. 17-18

Peter said that all the churches were elect

Paul also said that the churches are elect - Eph. 1:1-4

Peter said that the church in Babylon sent greetings

the saints in Rome had also sent greetings through Paul - Phil. 4:21-22

Peter said that Mark also sent greetings

this was John Mark who wrote the book of Mark - Acts 12:12

3. Peter told the church to greet one another - 5:14

Peter said to greet one another with a kiss of love

a kiss was a common form of greeting - Rom. 16:16; I Cor. 16:20

Peter encouraged all Christians to enjoy peace

God keeps in perfect peace those whose minds are fixed on Him - Is. 26:3

Christ came to give peace on the earth - Luke 2:14

Christ gave us His peace so that we do not need to be troubled - John 14:27

the peace of God keeps our hearts and minds - Phil. 4:6-7

God gives us peace as we think His thoughts - Phil. 4:8-9

II Peter

I. The Salvation that we have in Christ - 1:1-11

A. The introduction - 1:1-2

1. the introduction of Peter - 1:1

Peter was a bondservant of Jesus Christ
Peter was an apostle of Jesus Christ
Peter wrote to all who have the same precious faith
Peter says we have obtained this faith through the righteousness of God
Peter says we have obtained this faith through the righteousness of Christ

2. the greeting to believers - 1:2

Peter wanted all believers to experience the grace of God
Peter wanted all believers to experience the peace of God
Peter said these come through the knowledge of God and Christ

B. The Lord has given us what we need to grow to maturity 1:3-4

1. God has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness - 1:3

God gave us all things through His divine power
we have been made heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ - Rom. 8:16-17
God gave us life and helps us grow in godliness
God wants us to become complete and equipped - II Tim. 3:16-17
God gives these things as we grow in the knowledge of Him
our desire is to be filled with the knowledge of His will - Col. 1:9
God has called us to glory and virtue
God has called us to virtue (moral excellence) - II Pet. 1:5

2. God has given us great and precious promises - 1:4

God has given us very exceedingly great and precious promises
God has allowed us to partake of the divine nature
Christ lives in us (Gal. 2:20) and the Holy Spirit empowers us (Acts 1:8)
God has made it possible for us to escape the corruption of the world
we have been given liberty to serve one another in love - Gal. 5:13

C. The Lord calls us to develop godly virtues 1:5-7

1. we are to give all diligence - 1:5a

leaders are to lead with diligence - Rom. 12:8
believers are to abound in all diligence - II Cor. 8:7-8, 16

2. we are to add virtue to our faith - 1:5b

we are to think on the things that produce moral excellence - Phil. 4:8
we are to speak of the moral excellence of Christ - I Pet. 2:9

3. we are to add knowledge to our virtue - 1:5c

we are to study to show ourselves approved unto God - II Tim. 2:15
we are to grow in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ - II Pet. 3:18

4. we are to add self-control to our knowledge - 1:6a

Paul exercised self-control for the Gospel's sake - I Cor. 9:24-27
self-control is a part of the fruit of the Spirit - Gal. 5:23

5. we are to add patience to our self-control - 1:6b

we are to run with patience the race God sets before us - Heb. 12:1
we are to let patience have its perfect work in our lives - Jam. 1:3-4

6. we are to add godliness to our patience - 1:6c

godliness is profitable both for now and for eternity - I Tim. 4:7-8
godliness with contentment produces great gain - I Tim. 6:6

7. we are to add brotherly kindness to our godliness - 1:7a

we are to love the brethren with a pure heart - I Pet. 1:22
we are taught of God to love one another - I Thess. 4:9

8. we are to add love to our brotherly kindness - 1:7b

We are to love as Christ loved us! - John 13:34-35

D. The Lord promises us abundant rewards 1:8-11

1. we are to let the godly virtues abound in our lives - 1:8

the virtues are to be in us and to abound
these virtues will produce the fruit of the Spirit - Gal. 5:22-23
the virtues will keep our lives from becoming barren
we can become fruitful in every good work - Col. 1:10
the virtues will keep our lives from becoming unfruitful
Christ says we will only bear fruit in His strength - John 15:5
Christ says we glorify the Father when bear much fruit - John 15:8
the virtues will develop our knowledge of Christ
we can continue to grow in our knowledge of Christ - Phil. 3:10

2. we are to make sure we are not still spiritually blind - 1:9

those who lack the godly virtues are spiritually blind
Christ came to open the eyes of the spiritually blind - Luke 4:18-19
those who lack the godly virtues cannot see
Christ said the scribes and Pharisees were blind guides - Matt. 23:24
those who lack the godly virtues have no assurance of salvation
there is no evidence of God working in them - Phil. 2:12-13

3. we are to make our calling and election sure - 1:10

we are to give diligence to make our calling sure
Christ called us and gave us an example to follow - I Pet. 2:21
we are to give diligence to make our election sure
Christ chose us to be holy and without blame - Eph. 1:4
we then will know that we will never fall
Christ says nothing can separate us from His love - Rom. 8:38-39

4. we are to look forward to our everlasting reward - 1:11

we can look forward to our entrance into heaven
the Lord is coming to meet us - I Thess. 4:13-18
we can look forward to eternal life
we are promised everlasting life - John 3:16
we know we have eternal life through Christ
the gift of God is eternal life - Rom. 6:23

II. The Certainty of the Word that we have been given 1:12-21

A. The reason for reviewing these truths 1:12-16

1, Peter wanted Christians to be established in the present truth - 1:12

Peter said that he did not want to be negligent

Peter wanted to be a faithful servant of Christ - John 21:15-17

Peter wanted Christians to always remember these things

Peter knew that Christ had to remind the disciples - Luke 24:44

Peter knew that the Christians at that time knew those things

Peter wanted to remind them of God's promises - II Pet. 3:1-2

Peter wanted Christians to be established

Peter wanted Christians to be established in Christ - I Pet. 5:10

2. Peter knew that he was soon going to die - 1:13-14

Peter was going to continue to speak as long as he lived

Paul demonstrated this same attitude - Phil. 1:12-26

Peter wanted to stir up the ministry of Christians by reminding them

Peter wrote both books to remind Christians - II Pet. 3:1-2

Peter knew that his death was coming very near

Peter may have given a coded message to tell where he was - I Pet. 5:13

both Peter and Paul knew when their time was short - II Tim. 4:6

Peter knew this because Christ had shown him

Christ had told Peter what would happen to him - John 21:18-19

3. Peter wanted Christians to always remember these things - 1:15

Peter wanted to equip all Christians

Peter and the other apostles knew their priorities - Acts 6:4

Peter wanted to equip the saints for the work of the ministry - Eph. 4:11-12

Peter wanted Christians to be prepared for the future

Peter wanted Christians to always be ready to speak for Christ - I Pet. 3:15

Peter wanted Christians to be prepared to suffer - I Pet. 1:6-7

Peter wanted Christians to recognize false teachers - II Pet. 2:1

Peter wanted to remind the Christians of our future hope - II Pet. 3:3-14

Peter wanted Christians to always remember these things

Peter wanted the Christians to live holy lives - I Pet. 1:13-18

Peter wanted to see actions that would result from remembering - II Pet. 3:14

4. Peter had been an eyewitness of the majesty of Christ - 1:16

Peter said he did not follow cunningly devised fables

Peter walked with Christ and was a witness of His resurrection - Acts 1:15-22

Peter said he made known the power of the Lord

Peter told the source of power in his first sermon - Acts 2:38

Peter knew the power of Christ worked through his life - Acts 3:6-8

Peter and the other apostles received the signs of the apostles - Heb. 2:3-4

Peter and the other apostles did many signs and wonders - Acts 5:12

Peter said he made known the coming of the Lord

Peter wrote about the coming of the Lord - II Pet. 3:3-10

Peter had been an eyewitness of the majesty of Christ

Peter had seen the glory of Christ on the mountain - Matt. 17:1-2

Peter has seen Christ after the resurrection - Luke 24:34

Peter saw Christ with the other apostles - John 20:19-23

Peter saw Christ at the Sea of Galilee - John 21:1-17

B. The remembrance of the transfiguration 1:17-18

1. Peter had heard the Father speak of the glory of Christ - 1:17

Peter heard the Father give Christ honor

Christ was transfigured before the three - Matt. 17:2

Peter heard the Father give Christ glory

Christ spoke about His coming death - Luke 9:31

Peter heard the Father speak from heaven

the Father spoke and Peter heard - Luke 9:35

Peter heard the Father call Christ His beloved Son

the Father said Christ was His beloved Son - Mark 9:7

Peter heard the Father say He was well pleased with Christ

the Father said He was well pleased with Christ - Matt. 17:5

2. Peter had heard this voice when he was on the mountain - 1:18

Peter said the voice came from heaven

this voice came out of the cloud - Matt. 17:5

Peter said they heard the voice

Peter and the others were fearful when they heard the voice - Matt. 17:6

Peter said this happened on the holy mount

this happened on a high mountain - Matt. 17:1

C. the reminder of the true source of the Word of God 1:19-21

1. God gave us a sure Word of prophecy - 1:19

Peter said God gave the whole Old Testament

all Scripture is given by the inspiration of God - II Tim. 3:16

Peter said we would do well to pay attention to the Old Testament

the Old Testament taught of Christ - Luke 24:27

the Old Testament was written for our learning - Rom. 15:4

Christ said the Word of God is truth - John 17:17

Peter said the Old Testament was a light shining in a dark place

the entrance of God's Word gives light - Psalm 119:130

Peter said we are to pay attention to the Word until the day dawns

the day of our salvation is drawing near - Rom. 13:11-12

Peter says we are to pay attention until Christ comes

the Word of God is living and powerful - Heb. 4:12

the Scriptures are able to make us wise unto salvation - II Tim. 3:15

the Old Testament helps us to understand about Christ - Luke 24:44-45

2. God said this word was not from private interpretation - 1:20

Peter wanted us to know a very important thing

Christ said the Scripture is the Word of God - John 10:34-35

Peter wanted us to know that the Word is Scripture

Peter had been taught by Christ to search the Scriptures - John 5:39

Peter recognized the writings of Paul as Scripture - II Pet. 3:16

Peter wanted us to know it did not come from man's ideas

the thoughts of God are higher than the thoughts of man - Is. 55:8-9

God reveals His thoughts from the Word by the Spirit - I Cor. 2:10

the Holy Spirit teaches us through the Word - I Cor. 2:13

3. God moved men to speak by the Holy Spirit - 1:21

Peter said that the Word of God never came from the will of man

all Scripture is from the very breath of God - II Tim. 3:16

God speaks the truth and cannot lie - Titus 1:2

Peter said that the Word of God was given through holy men of God

the prophets wrote even when they did not understand - I Pet. 1:10-11

Peter said they wrote as they were moved by the Holy Spirit

the Word is the Word of God given through men - I Thess. 2:13

III. The Warning about false teachers - 2:1-3:7

A. The conduct of false teachers - 2:1-3

1. false teachers will certainly come - 2:1

there were false prophets in the time of the Old Testament

God gave a test for false prophets - Deut. 13:5

God said not to be afraid of false prophets - Deut. 18:20-22

Christ also warned of false prophets - Matt. 7:15-20

there will be false teachers that come among us

Paul warned the elders in Ephesus about false teachers - Acts 20:29

these false teachers will bring in destructive heresies

false teachers speak evil of things they do not understand - II Pet. 2:12

these false teachers will reject the ministry of Christ

false teachers will deny that Jesus is the Christ - I John 2:22

these false teachers will experience swift destruction

those who trouble will face everlasting destruction - I Thess. 1:6-9

2. false teachers will lead many astray - 2:2

many people will follow their destructive ways

the people will want false teachers - II Tim. 4:3-4

many people will reject the truth

false teachers resist the truth - II Tim. 4:8

many people will speak evil of the truth

these people are deceivers - II John 7-11

3. false teachers will seek self gain - 2:3

false teachers are controlled by covetousness

false teachers think that gain is godliness - I Tim. 6:3-5

false teachers will use deceptive words

false teachers appeal to the lust of the flesh - II Pet. 2:18

false teachers will try to take advantage of Christians

false teachers use cunning craftiness to deceive Christians - Eph. 4:14

false teachers will face a judgment

Christ will judge the false prophets and teachers - Matt. 7:21-23

false teachers will have their judgment carried out

those who defile will not enter heaven - Rev. 21:27

B. The condemnation of false teachers - 2:4-9

1. God judged the angels that sinned - 2:4

God did not spare the angels that sinned
God cast the angels that sinned into hell
God delivered them into chains of darkness
God reserved them there for judgment
the Lord judged the angels that did not keep their first estate - Jude 6

2. God judged the world in the time of Noah - 2:5

God did not spare the old world
God saved Noah from the old world
God saw that Noah was a preacher of righteousness
God brought the flood on all the ungodly
God judged the wicked in the day of Noah - Gen. 6:5-7

3. God judged the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah - 2:6

God turned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes
God condemned the cities by overthrowing them
God made those cities an example and warning
God used those cities to warn all who live ungodly
the Lord judged the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah - Jude 7

4. God delivered Lot from the judgment of Sodom - 2:7-8

Lot was delivered out of the city of Sodom
Lot was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked
Lot was a righteous man even though he lived in Sodom
Lot was tormenting his soul by living among them
Lot was seeing and hearing their lawless deeds
the Lord delivered Lot when Sodom was destroyed - Gen. 19:15-16

5. God will deliver the godly - 2:9

God is able to deliver the godly out of temptations
God will punish the unjust in the day of judgment
Christ will keep the believing from the hour of testing - Rev. 3:10

C. The characteristics of false teachers - 2:10-3:7

1. they are self willed - 2:10-14

a. Peter said that false teachers walk after the flesh - 2:10

false teachers seek to satisfy their fleshly desires

false teachers are filled with lusts - II Pet. 2:24

false teachers lust for uncleanness

false teachers despise authority

they go out from true believers - I John 2:18-19

false teachers are presumptuous and self-willed

false teachers are controlled by pride - I Tim. 6:3-5

false teachers are not afraid to speak evil of evil angels

b. Peter said even angels were afraid to bring an accusation to the Lord - 2:11

evil angels are greater in power and might than false teachers

evil angels are afraid to accuse false teachers

c. Peter said that false teachers speak evil - 2:12

false teachers are like wild animals

false teachers will be destroyed

they will face the judgment of all who reject - Phil. 3:19

false teachers speak evil about things they do not understand

an evil person brings out the evil in his heart - Luke 6:43-45

false teachers will perish in their own corruption

they become the servants of their own corruption- II Pet. 2:19

d. Peter said they will receive their judgment - 2:13

false teachers will receive the reward of unrighteousness

false teachers will reap what they sow - Gal. 6:7-8

false teachers even carouse in the daytime

they do not even wait for darkness to cover their evil - John 3:19

false teachers are spots and blemishes

Christ does not want His church to have any spots (moral blemishes) - Eph. 5:27

false teachers follow their own deceptions

they deceive themselves - James 1:22-24

e. Peter said they are unstable - 2:14

false teachers have their eyes filled with adultery
false teachers cannot stop sinning
false teachers entice unstable people
false teachers have hearts filled with covetous practices
they have deceived themselves by the love of money - I Tim. 6:9-10
false teachers are accursed children

2. they follow the way of Balaam - 2:15-16

false teachers have forsaken the right way
they tell people what they want to hear - II Tim. 4:3-4
false teachers have gone astray
they deceive others and they deceive themselves - II Tim. 3:13
false teachers follow the way of Balaam
Balaam was told that God had blessed Israel - Num. 22:12
Balaam loved the wages of unrighteousness
Balaam was after the money he was offered - Num. 22:13-21
Balaam was rebuked by his donkey
the donkey tried to stop Balaam and then spoke to him - Num. 22:22-30
Balaam had his madness stopped by a donkey
Balaam was protected from death by the donkey - Num. 22:31-35

3. they lack the Holy Spirit - 2:17

false teachers are like wells without water
false teachers are like clouds carried by a storm
false teachers will experience darkness forever

4. they use fancy words to deceive - 2:18

false teachers speak great swelling words of emptiness
they speak fancy words to deceive people - Jude 16
false teachers deceive through the lusts of the flesh
they lead people by appealing to sinful lusts - II Tim. 3:6
false teachers deceive through lewdness
they appeal to the desires of the sin nature - Eph. 4:17-19
false teachers use these things to deceive those who try to escape
they appeal to those who are trying to clean up their own lives - Matt. 12:43-45

5. they twist Christian liberty - 2:19-21

a. false teachers are servants of corruption - 2:19

false teachers promise liberty to others

they teach that liberty is freedom to satisfy the flesh - Gal. 5:13; 19-21

false teachers are in bondage to corruption themselves

false teachers are actually in bondage themselves - Heb. 2:15

false teachers have been overcome by their own sins

they deceive others and also deceive themselves - II Tim. 3:13

false teachers have brought themselves into bondage

they have actually been taken captive by Satan - II Tim. 2:25-26

b. false teachers become entangled in the pollutions of the world - 2:20

false teachers often moved away from the pollutions of the world

they may have tried to clean up their own lives - Luke 11:25

false teachers have heard the truth about Christ

like the Sanhedrin, they cannot deny but they can choose to reject - Acts 4:16-17

false teachers again become entangled in those pollutions

they do not deliver themselves out of the snare of the devil - II Tim. 2:26

false teachers are then overcome by those pollutions

they then become controlled by those snares of the devil - II Tim. 3:1-8

false teachers found those pollutions were worse than at the first

Satan uses these things to destroy their lives - Luke 11:26

c. false teachers have chosen to turn away from the truth - 2:21

false teachers would have been better off not knowing righteousness

the one who knows but does not prepare has greater judgment - Luke 12:47

false teachers often do know the truth

false teachings can turn people from the truth - Titus 1:14

false teachers choose to turn from the Word given to them

they know the Word but choose to reject it - Heb. 10:26-31

6. they turn away from the faith - 2:22

false teachers are like a dog that goes back to its vomit

false teachers are like a pig that returns to the mud

false teachers are like pigs and dogs - Prov. 26:11

7. they do not believe the Lord will return - 3:1-7

a. Peter warned of scoffers in the last days - 3:1-3

1) Peter wrote to the believers to remind them - 3:1

Peter wrote to those who were beloved

Peter wrote these words as a loving undershepherd - I Pet. 5:1-4

Peter was writing a second book to the believers

Peter had earlier written I Peter to the believers - I Pet. 1:1

Peter was writing this book to remind the believers

Peter said he would remind as long as he lived - II Pet. 1:3

2) Peter wanted to remind them of the Word of God - 3:2

Peter wanted them to think about what they had learned

we are all to meditate on the Word of God - Joshua 1:8

meditating on the Word of God will make our lives successful - Ps. 1:1-3

we are being transformed by the renewing of our minds - Rom. 12:2

we grow to maturity in Christ - Eph. 4:11-13; II Tim. 3:16

we become equipped for every good work - II Tim. 3:17

Peter wanted them to remember the words of the prophets

they spoke these words by the will of God - II Pet. 1:21

the Word of God helps us to grow in wisdom - Ps. 119:97-100

Peter wanted them to remember the words of the apostles

Peter said that the epistles were also scripture - II Pet. 3:16

Peter said that they were the apostles of the Lord and Savior

God confirmed the message of the apostles by signs - Heb. 2:3-4

3) Peter said there would be scoffers who would come - 3:3

Peter said that there would certainly be scoffers

Paul also warned of such scoffers - II Tim. 3:1-8

Peter said that these would come in the last days

the apostles warned that scoffers would come in the last days - Jude 17-18

scoffers will find that destruction will come suddenly - I Thess. 5:3

Peter said the scoffers would walk according to their own lusts

Christ said that people do the lusts of their father - John 8:44

scoffers do not want to retain God in their knowledge - Rom. 1:28

scoffers take pleasure in getting others to join them in evil - Rom. 1:32

b. Peter said people would not believe in the return of Christ - 3:4-7

1) scoffers would say things continue as they always have - 3:4

they will reject the promises of God

Christ promised to come back for the Christians - I Cor. 15:51-52

they will say that things are no different than in the time of their fathers

they try to predict the future by the past and forget what God says - Heb. 9:27

they will say things have been the same ever since creation

they will be caught unprepared - I Thess. 5:3

2) scoffers would choose to forget God's judgments in the past - 3:5-6

they make a choice to forget the past

they forget that God created the earth - Gen. 1:1-9

they forget that God later judged the earth - Gen. 6:5-7; 7:21-22

they forget what is recorded in the Word of God

these things were written for our learning - Rom. 15:4

they forgot what the Word teaches about the flood

all except Noah and the others in the ark died - Gen. 7:21-22

they forget that the rebellious all perished

the flood came and took them all away - Matt. 24:37-39

they forget that God promised not to destroy again by flood

God said He would not judge by water again - Gen. 9:11

3) scoffers do not expect judgment to come - 3:7

they forget the heavens and earth that we have now will be judged

that judgment will affect both man and the creation - Rev. 20:13-21:1

they forget these are being preserved by the word of Christ

Christ is the One who holds all things together - Col. 1:17

the Lord is the One that is longsuffering - II Pet. 3:9

the Lord will find many unprepared when He comes - Matt. 25:12-13

the Lord will send fire out of heaven to destroy when He judges - Rev. 20:9-11

they forget the world will one day be judged by fire

Christ will one day take vengeance with flaming fire - II Thess. 1:7-8

Christ said that the Holy Spirit will one day baptize with fire - Matt. 3:11-12

they forget that both the earth and the people will be judged

the Lord will judge the earth with fire - Micah 1:3-4

the Lord will burn the unbelieving with fire - Mal. 4:1

IV. The Reminder of future coming events - 3:8-18

A. The Lord is demonstrating His patience - 3:8-9

1. God measures time differently than people - 3:8

Peter did not want Christians to forget

Peter had a great love for the Christians - I Pet. 2:11; 4:12

Peter had written a second time because of this love - II Pet. 3:1

Peter wanted them to have peace because of this love - II Pet. 3:14

Peter wanted us to know that God counts time differently

God has an eternal focus from everlasting to everlasting - Ps. 90:2

Peter knew that God can slow down time

the Lord waited 100 years instead of 40 days to judge Nineveh - Jonah 3:4

the Lord saw the repentance of Nineveh - Jonah 3:5-7

the Lord chose to show mercy to that generation - Jonah 3:10; 4:11

Peter knew that God can speed up time

a thousand years is nothing in the sight of God - Ps. 90:4

2. God wants all to come to repentance - 3:9

the Lord is not late in keeping His promise

the Lord came at the time He had planned - Gal. 4:4

the Lord has an appointed time for all things - Heb. 9:27

the Lord is not controlled by the time predictions of people

no one knows the time of His coming - Matt. 24:42-44

the Lord is patient and longsuffering

Moses reminded the Lord that He is longsuffering - Num. 14:18

love is patient or longsuffering - I Cor. 13:4

the Lord is not willing for any to perish

Christ wants all to come to Him - Matt. 11:28

Christ did not come to condemn the world - John 3:17

Christ will receive all that come to Him - John 6:37

Christ came so that we could have life - John 10:10

Christ offers life to all who believe - John 11:25-26

Christ is the way to come to the Father - John 14:6

the Lord is waiting for all to come to repentance

Christ said the message of repentance should be given to all - Luke 24:46

Christ gave an invitation to all to believe - John 3:16

the last invitation of God is to come - Rev. 22:17

B. The Lord defines the day of the Lord 3:10-12

1. the Lord tells what His judgment will be like - 3:10

the Day of the Lord will certainly come

the Day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night

the Day of the Lord will come without warning - I Thess. 5:2-3

the Day of the Lord will see the heavens pass away

the heavens will be dissolved - Is 34:4

the Day of the Lord will see the elements melt with great heat

these will be judged by fire - II Pet. 3:7

the Day of the Lord will see the earth burned up

these things will all be dissolved - II Pet. 3:12

the Day of the Lord will see the works of the earth burned up

the works of believers on this earth will be tested by fire - I Cor. 3:12-16

the works of unbelievers lead to eternal judgment - Rev. 20:12-15

2. the Lord tells what we should be like - 3:11

we know that all of these things are going to happen

Christians are not ignorant about the Day of the Lord - I Thess. 5:2

we need to be examining our own lives

people are told to examine their own lives - I Cor. 11:28; II Cor. 13:5

we need to practice holy conduct

we are to have a good life led by godly wisdom - Jam. 3:13

we need to practice godliness

God has given us the power to live in godliness - II Pet. 1:3

3. the Lord tells us what will happen to this earth - 3:12

we can look forward to the day of God

God is going to deliver His creation from corruption - Rom. 8:19-22

God will create a new heaven and a new earth - Rev. 21:1

we know that the heavens will be dissolved

the heavens will be dissolved - Is. 34:4

we know that the heavens will be on fire

God will judge the present creation with fire - II Pet. 3:7

we know that the elements will melt with fervent heat

God will melt with a burning heat - Is. 64:1-2

C. The Lord says that we have a great future - 3:13-14

1. we look for new heavens and a new earth - 3:13

the Lord has given us a promise

God gave a promise of a new heavens and earth to Isaiah - Is. 65:17

the Lord will make a new heaven and a new earth - Rev. 21:1

the Lord says we can look for new heavens

the Lord said the new heavens would remain - Is. 66:22

the Lord says we can look for a new earth

the earth we have now will be judged - II Pet. 3:7

the Lord says that there will be righteousness

the new heavens and earth will be righteous - Rev. 21:1-7

2. we want to be blameless when we meet Christ - 3:14

we are to be looking forward to these things

we will see the former thing pass away - Rev. 21:3-4

we can look forward to all things being new - Rev. 21:5

we are to be diligent to be found by Christ in peace

we can experience the peace of God right now - Phil. 4:7-9

we are to be diligent to be without spot

our desire should be to know Christ - Phil. 3:10

we are to be renewing our inner man daily - II Cor. 4:16

we are to be diligent to be blameless

we want to be blameless in the day of Christ - I Cor. 1:8

we are to be blameless and harmless - Phil. 2:15

Paul wanted to present all Christians blameless - Col. 1:22

we want our hearts to be unblameable in holiness - I Thess. 3:13

we want to be blameless when Christ comes - I Thess. 5:23

D. The Lord says the Word is not always easy to understand - 3:15-16

1. Peter said that Paul wrote from the wisdom given to him - 3:15

Paul had written according to the wisdom given to him

Paul had been taught by the Lord in Arabia - Gal. 1:15-17

Paul had written to all who became Christians

Paul wrote to help Christians and churches mature - Eph. 4:11-16

Paul wanted every Christian to be complete - II Tim. 3:16-17

2. Peter said Paul wrote some things hard to understand - 3:16

Paul shared that wisdom in all of his epistles

Paul shared these things so the Holy Spirit can teach us - I Cor. 2:12

Paul spoke some things that are hard to understand

God will reveal these things through His Spirit - I Cor. 2:10

Paul had some of his teachings twisted by untaught people

some learn but never come to the knowledge of the truth - II Tim. 3:7

Paul had some of his teachings twisted by unstable people

unstable people are deceived by false teachers - II Pet. 2:14

Paul had his teachings twisted by those facing destruction

the natural man cannot receive the things of God - I Cor. 2:14

these people also twisted all of the other Scriptures

Peter warned that there would be false teachers - II Pet. 2:1

E. The Lord wants us to continue to grow - 3:17-18

1. Christians are to make sure that they are not deceived - 3:17

Peter says that believers have known these things

believers have the Holy Spirit to teach them - I Cor. 2:13

Peter says that believers also need to beware

Christians that think they stand can fall - I Cor. 10:12

Peter says that even believers can be led away and deceived

weak Christians are easily deceived - Eph. 4:14

Peter says that believers can fall from their own steadfastness

we are to be steadfast and unmovable - I Cor. 15:58

2. Christians are to grow in grace - 3:18

believers are to grow in grace

we grow through the milk of the Word - I Pet. 2:2

we grow through the solid food of the Word - Heb. 5:14

believers are to grow in the knowledge of Christ

we are to take root in Christ - Col. 2:6-7

we are to take root in the love of Christ - Eph. 3:17-19

believers are to give glory to Christ right now

we are to do all to the glory of God now - I Cor. 10:31

believers are to give glory to Christ forever

we are to seek the glory of Christ forever - Eph. 3:20-21