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THE HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE IN JESUS.

Praises and Honors and blessings be to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ the Messiah! In his mercy and grace He has given us the privilege of being born again into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade, kept in heaven and undefiled for you beyond the reach of decay. And God in His mighty power, will protect you until you fully receive this salvation because you are trusting Him. That final salvation will be revealed in the last day for all to see. Rejoice, be glad and full of joy even though it is necessary for you to



SHOUT FOR JOY IN YOUR SALVATION AND PRAISE GOD

endure many trials for a little while and be distressed by trials and suffer temptations so that the genuineness of your faith may be tested. These trials show that your faith is strong and pure just as fire tests and purifies gold and your faith is far more precious to God than mere gold.

Greetings to God's chosen people.

Peter an apostle and a special messenger of Jesus Christ writes to the elect exiles of the dispersion scattered abroad in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia. God the Father
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the Holy Spirit consecrated, sanctified, and made you holy to be obedient to Jesus Christ the Messiah

foundations of the earth. He has through the Holy Spirit consecrated, sanctified, and made you holy to be obedient to Jesus Christ the Messiah and be cleansed by His blood. May you have

inside...

**Our Hope
God is Just
Better than Gold
Respect Authority**

**One mind one Spirit
Suffering for Jesus
Suffer now Glory later
Elders**

Satan's Attacks

SALVATION IS BETTER THAN GOLD

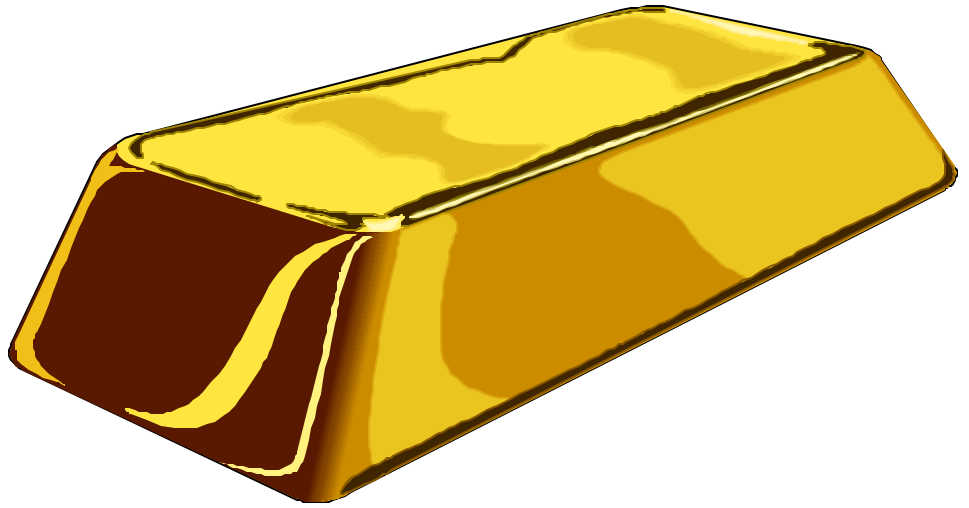
Joy in your salvation even though you suffer trials because in doing so your faith is purified just as gold has to pass through the fire to become pure and unblemished. If your faith remains strong after being tried by fiery trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ the Messiah and the Anointed One is revealed to the whole world.

You love Him even though you have not seen

It is so wonderful that even the angels are watching to see these things.

Him. Even not seeing Him, you trust Him and believe in Him. Yet, believing, you are happy with a glorious and unspeakable and inexpressible joy. your reward for trusting Him is the salvation of your soul.

This salvation, the prophets who spoke of the grace that was to come to you searched intently and inquired earnestly about trying to



find the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ was pointing them when He predicted the suffering Messiah to come and the glory that would follow. God revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you. Now the good news has been announced by those who preached to you in the power of the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. It is so wonderful that even the angels are watching to see these things.

The prophets of old looked forward to this time that you are in right now! When Jesus Christ should be preached to all men and you can know the joy of salvation.

THE CALL TO HOLY LIVING IN CHRIST

Prepare your minds, think clearly and morally alert with self control. Remember the blessings that will come in the day that the Lord returns. Obey God and take care that you do not slip back in the old ways of evil. You did not know better before you knew Christ but now you must be holy in everything that you do because it is written, "Be holy because I am holy." Lev. 11:44-45 He chose you as His children and called you to be holy in all of your manner of living, in all that you do.

People are like grass— Quickly gone

People are like the grass,
Their glory like the flowers of
the field,
the grass withers and the
flowers fall.

But the word of the lord
stands forever.

And that word is the good
news that was preached to
you.

Your new life will last forever
because it comes from the
eternal living word of God.

This body will pass away and
the life that your parents gave
you but there is life that will
last forever because it comes

from the eternal living word of
God. Praise God I am born
again!

Remember how God is a just God and fair to all.

Remember that God will
treat all people with equal
fairness without having
favorites when He judges. He
will judge or reward you for
exactly what you do. Wisdom
tells you that you must live in
reverent fear of Him during
your time on this earth. God
paid your ransom to save you,
not with money but with the
lifblood of Christ the spotless
lamb of God. God chose
Christ to do this before he
made the world. We are
blessed to be in these final
days. You can have faith that
God will raise you from the
dead just as He did Jesus and
having this confidence, you
can have a real and sincere
love for your other brothers
and sisters in Christ because
you have been cleansed from
all sins at the time that you
accepted Christ.



Christ—The Living CornerStone

Come to Christ, who is the living corner stone of God's temple. He was rejected by the people but he is precious to God who chose him. Now God is building his spiritual temple with you the believers as living stones.

We have the promise (Isa 28:16) that:

"I am placing a stone in Jerusalem, a chosen cornerstone, and anyone who believes in him will never be disappointed." He is your cornerstone or the stone that makes you



**BE VERY REAL ...
DO GOOD...
REMOVE EVIL**

Once you were not a people
but now you are God's people

fail if you do not listen to God's word or obey it.

But to you who believe, you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a dedicated nation, God's own purchased, special people so that you can show others the goodness of God, because he has called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people at all, but now you are God's people and once you

were unpitied but now you are pitied and have received his mercy. Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, you are foreigners and aliens and exiles in this world. Let me urge you to abstain from sensual urges and passions of the flesh and your lower nature that wage war against the soul. Be careful how you live among the unbelieving neighbors. Yet if they slander you, continue in your conduct that they may witness your good deeds that glorify God and they will give honor and glory to God when he comes to judge the world. Do not react to non-believers in a way that does not glorify God.

Get rid of every trace of malicious behavior, deceit, depravity, and insincerity. Remove all envy, jealousy, slander, and evil speaking of every kind. Like newborn babies you should crave and thirst for the pure unadulterated spiritual milk that by it you may grow into the fullness of your salvation. Now that you have had a taste of the Lord's kindness, cry out for this nourishment as a baby cries out for milk. Grow that you will not always have to drink milk but will be able to enjoy the real meat!

Respect authority for the Lord's sake

For the Lord's sake, accept all authority. The king and all of the officials that he has appointed. These people honor those who do right and punish those who do wrong. It is God's will and intention that you living a life of good and honest reputation that

WIVES YOU MUST...

In the same way, you wives must accept the authority of your husbands, even those who refuse to accept the Good news. Wives are to be submissive to your own husbands and be dependent on them and adapt yourselves to them so that even if they do not obey the word of God, they may be won over by your Godly lives. It is not the outward beauty that is important but the gentle and quiet spirit that is so precious to God. Sarah obeyed her husband, Abraham, when she called him master. You are her daughters when you do what is right and let nothing terrify you. That is the way the holy women of old made themselves beautiful. They trusted God and accepted the authority of their husbands.



you should silence those who would criticize you foolishly. If one is in authority it is because God has allowed that person to be in authority. The same in the church, respect those to whom God has given authority as leaders and encourage those who do good service.

You are free but do not use your freedom as a pretext for wickedness. Your freedom is not an excuse to do evil. You are free to live as God's slaves and servants. Use your freedom to make

right decisions regarding your activities and lifestyle. Show respect for everyone. Love your Christian brothers and sisters. Show respect for the king. Fear God. You who are

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slaves, accept the authority of your masters. Do what they tell you to do because it pleases God. Suffering is part of what God has called you to do. Christ who suffered for you is your example. Follow in his steps. He did not threaten, he left his case in the hands of God. You have been healed by his wounds. You have come to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Husbands give honor to your wives.

In the same way, you husbands should live considerately with your wives and intelligent recognition of the marriage relation, honoring the woman as physically the weaker but realizing that you are joint heirs of the grace of God. Be considerate as you live with her and treat her with respect and give her due understanding in all things. She is your equal partner in God's gift of new life and should be treated accordingly.

Act in a Godly manner toward your wife... if you don't, you don't have a prayer.

As the authority in your house, who then shall you answer to? If you do not live in proper relationship to your wife, God will cut off (hinder) your prayers. You have a responsibility to act in a Godly manner toward your wife. If you do not, then you don't have a prayer! Your prayers will not be heard. Get your relationships right with people then go to God in prayer.



ONE MIND -- ONE SPIRIT

All of you who are believers should be of one mind united in the Spirit and sympathizing with and compassionate for each other, loving each other as brethren of the same household, courteous, tenderhearted and humbleminded. There is no place to return evil for evil or insult for insult, scolding, berating and unkind things. But instead, pay them back with a blessing, pray for their welfare, happiness and protection, and truly pitying and loving them. That is what God wants you to do. It is to this kind of relationship with others that you have been called. Know that in doing so that you yourselves inherit a blessing from God, you obtain a blessing as heirs, bringing blessings and happiness and protection to you in your obedience.

If you want to enjoy a happy life and good days, keep your tongue from speaking evil. Turn from wickedness and shun it and do good. Search for peace and seek it eagerly, do not merely desire peaceful relations with God and with your fellow men, pursue and go after them and work hard at it. The eyes of the Lord are

upon the righteous who are upright and in right standing with God and His ears are attentive to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who practice evil to oppose them to frustrate and defeat them. (also in Ps. 34)

Do not be deceived into thinking that God will bless wrongdoing for our God is a just God and hates evil but he rewards obedience and blesses them that are in right standing before Him and answers their prayers.

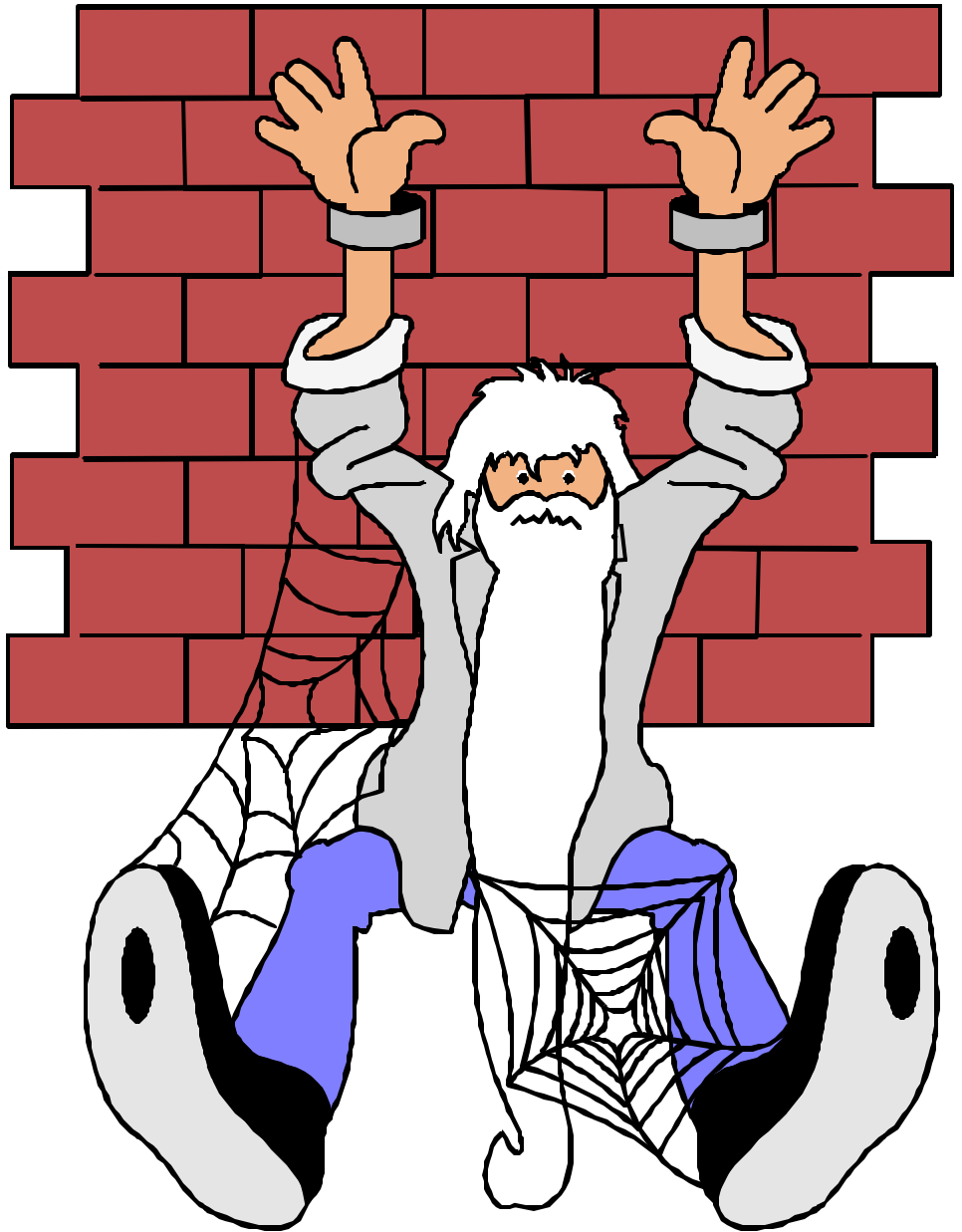
Whoever would love life and see good days must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from deceitful speech. He must turn from evil and do good; he must seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.



SUFFERING FOR DOING GOOD

Who will harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for doing what is good and right, you are blessed and happy and to be envied. If you are insulted for being a Christian, then the glorious Spirit of God will come upon you. Do not dread or be afraid of threats, and do not be disturbed by their opposition. There is no shame to suffer for being a Christian. Praise God for being called to His wonderful name. Worship Christ as Lord in your life and when you are called on to give an account of the hope that you have as a believer, be ready to explain it. You must do this in a kind, loving, gentle and respectful way. Others will be ashamed if they speak evil of you when they see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ.

If you are to suffer, it is better to suffer for doing good if that is God's will, than to suffer justly for doing wrong. Remember that Christ suffered when he died for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners that He might bring us safely home to God. He suffered physical death but he



was raised to life in the Spirit. Baptism is picture of God saving Noah's family of eight through water when other people were drowning in the flood. Water symbolizes baptism which now saves you by the power of Jesus' resurrection. It is not the removal of dirt from the body

but a pledge of a good and clear conscience before God. Now Christ is in heaven seated in the place of honor next to God with all angels, powers and authorities bowing before Him and made subservient to Him.

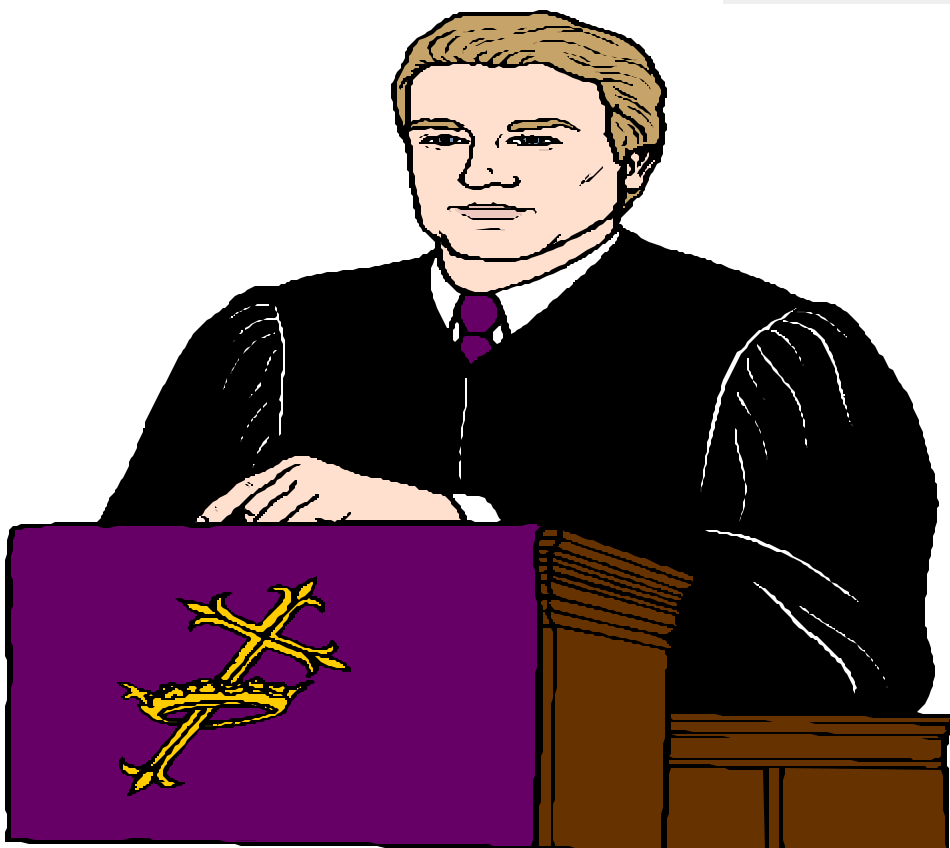
READY TO SUFFER FOR CHRIST

Since Christ suffered physical pain, you must arm yourselves with the same attitude because he who has suffered in his body is done with sin. So if you are willing to suffer for the sake of Christ, you have decided to stop sinning and you won't spend the rest of your life for evil human desires but rather for the will of God. For the time that is past already suffices for doing the evil that the Godless people do living as you have done in immorality and lust and feasting with drunkenness and wild parties and the worship of idols. Your former friends are surprised that you

no longer join them for wicked things and they talk evil of you. Just remember they will have to give an account to Him who is ready to judge and pass sentence on the living and the dead. This is why the good news was preached even to those who are now dead that they might be judged according to men in regard to the body but live according to God in regard to the Spirit.

The end is near. The end of the world is coming soon. Therefore, be earnest and disciplined in your prayers.

Above all, it is most



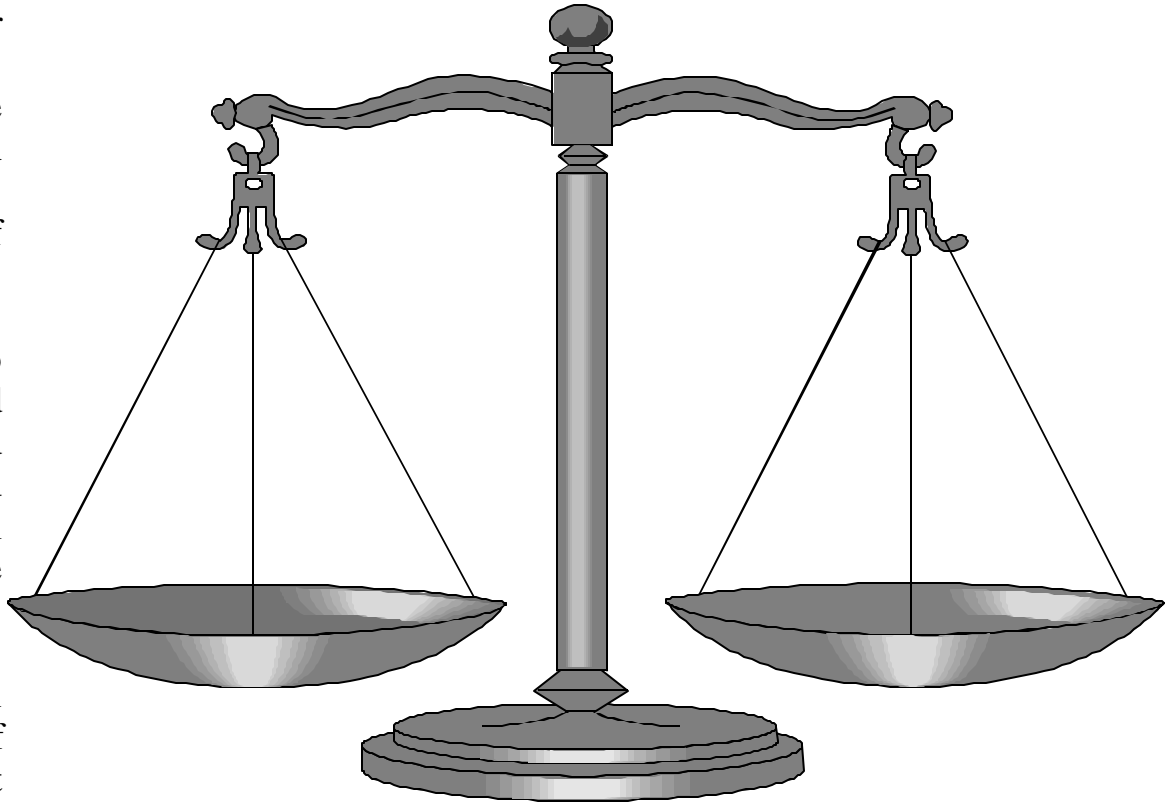
important of all to have and show intense and unflinching love for one another. Love covers a multitude of sins. Cheerfully without grumbling, share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay. God has given each of you from his great variety of spiritual gifts. As you have received a particular spiritual talent which is a gracious divine endowment, employ it and use it for one another as a good trustee of god's grace. Be faithful stewards of the extremely diverse powers and gifts granted to Christians by

unmerited favor and grace.

Manage your gift well so that God's generosity can flow through you. If you are called to be a speaker, then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Are you called to help others? Do it with all the strength and energy which God furnishes so abundantly so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ the Messiah. All glory and power belong to him forever.

SUFFERING FOR BEING A CHRISTIAN

Dear friends, don't be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through as if something strange is happening to you. You need not be amazed and bewildered at the painful trial you are suffering. But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ so that you will be overjoyed when His glory is revealed. Be happy that you suffer abuse because you are a Christian for you are blessed regardless of your outward condition because the Spirit of glory which is the Spirit of God is resting upon you. Don't do anything so that the suffering is the just reward of your evil deeds such as murder, stealing, making trouble, or



prying into other people's affairs. But it is no shame to suffer because you are a Christian and will not compromise the truth that is within you. Praise God that you are able to be called by His name (as a Christian). The time has come that judgment to begin first among God's own children. If it begins in the household of God, where will the end be for the wicked? As the word states in prov. 11: "If the righteous are barely saved, what chance will the godless and sinners have?" If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, then the wicked sinner



has no chance outside of Jesus Christ. So if you suffer according to God's will, you must do what is right and commit your soul to the one who created it and trust yourself to the God who made you, for He will never fail you for He is your faithful Creator.



A word to the Elders in the Churches

I warn and counsel the elders among you, the pastors and spiritual guides of the church as fellow elder and as an eyewitness called to testify

God which has been entrusted to you. Watch over it willingly, nurture, guard, guide and tend the flock of God that is your responsibility. Do but lead them by your good example. And when the head Shepherd come, your reward will be a never-ending share in his glory and honor. When you are younger and of lesser rank be subject to the elders or ministers of the church giving them due respect and yielding to their counsel. Clothe and cover yourself with humility as the garb of a servant so that its covering cannot possibly be taken away with pride. For God sets Himself against the proud, the insolent, the overbearing, the disdainful, the presumptuous, the boastful, and opposes, frustrates and defeats them but gives grace to the humble. So humble yourselves and demote your rank in your own eyes and estimation under the



of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a shareholder in the glory that is to be revealed when He returns.

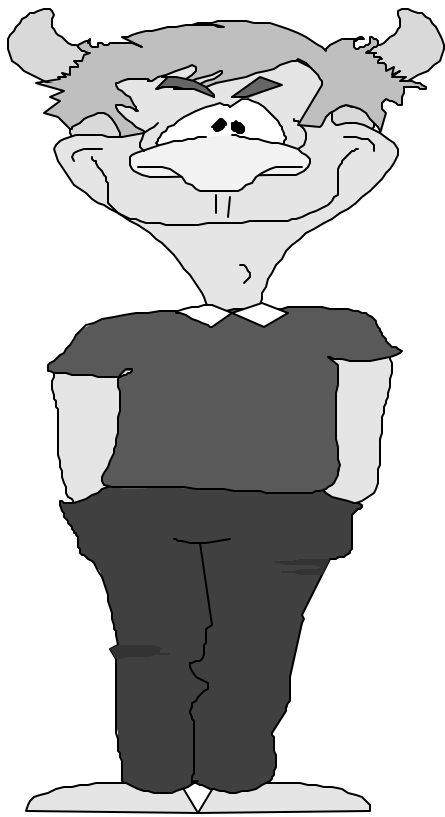
Care for the flock of

not do it grudgingly, nor for what you can get out of it, but because you are eager to serve God. Don't lord it over the people assigned to your care,

mighty Hand of God. If you will, then in His perfect timing, He will honor you.

WATCH OUT FOR SATAN'S ATTACKS

Be very careful! Be well-balanced, temperate, sober-minded, be vigilant, and cautious at all times for than



enemy of yours, the devil

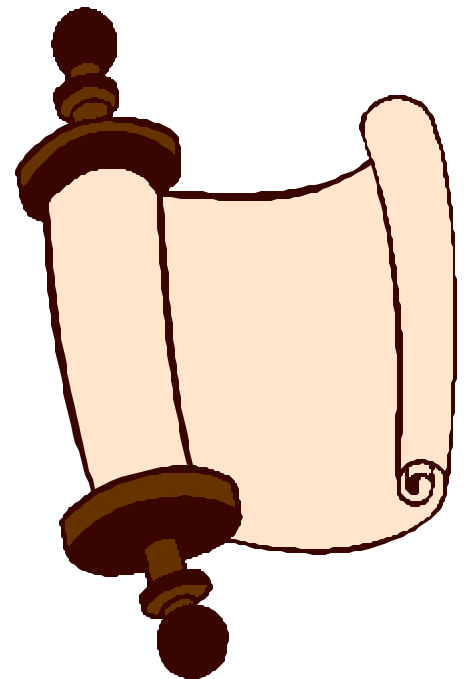


roams around like a lion roaring and seeking someone to seize upon and devour.

Take a strong stand and be firm against him. Be strong in your faith. Remember that Christians all over the world are going through the same kind of suffering that you are. Be strong in the faith rooted, established, strong, immovable and determined knowing that the same thing is going on in the life of others too. The same kind of suffering are appointed to the whole body of Christians throughout the world.

In His kindness, God called you to his eternal glory by means of Jesus Christ. After you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace who imparts all blessings and favor who has called you to His own eternal glory in Christ Jesus will Himself complete and make you whole and what you ought to be and establish and ground you securely and strengthen you. He will place you on a firm foundation. He will restore you and make you strong, firm, and steadfast. To Him be honor and glory forever. All power is His forever and ever. Amen.

PETER'S FINAL GREETING



I have written you a short letter for this purpose: To encourage you and to assure you that the grace of God is with you no matter what happens. Peace be to all of you who are in Christ.

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