



~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, Lord keep us all safe in disasters and rumors of disasters, in wars and in rumors of wars, in fiancé run world wide, in famine world wide, enable us to be Your hands and feet to go as You lead us, one person cannot help all the people, but God You can through all of us. Lord give each one peace. Led us in what to do and what to say to the people going through. Help each person to stay focused on You, in Your precious name. Amen....

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Scripture

I Peter (2005)

1 Peter 1:1-25 (AMP)

¹ PETER, AN apostle (a special messenger) of Jesus Christ, [writing] to the elect exiles of the dispersion scattered (sowed) abroad in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

² Who were chosen *and* foreknown by God the Father and consecrated (sanctified, made holy) by the Spirit to be obedient to Jesus Christ (the Messiah) and to be sprinkled with [His] blood: May grace (spiritual blessing) and peace be given you in increasing abundance [that spiritual peace to be realized in and through Christ, freedom from fears, agitating passions, and moral conflicts].

³ Praised (honored, blessed) be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah)! By His boundless mercy we have been born again to an ever-living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

⁴ [Born anew] into an inheritance which is beyond the reach of change *and* decay [imperishable], unsullied and unfading, reserved in heaven for you,

⁵ Who are being guarded (garrisoned) by God's power through [your] faith [till you fully inherit that final] salvation that is ready to be revealed [for you] in the last time.

⁶ [You should] be exceedingly glad on this account, though now for a little while you may be distressed by trials *and* suffer temptations,

⁷ So that [the genuineness] of your faith may be tested, [your faith] which is infinitely more precious than the perishable gold which is tested *and* purified by fire. [This proving of your faith is intended] to redound to [your] praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One) is revealed.

⁸ Without having seen Him, you love Him; though you do not [even] now see Him, you believe in Him and exult *and* thrill with inexpressible and glorious (triumphant, heavenly) joy.

⁹ [At the same time] you receive the result (outcome, consummation) of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

¹⁰ The prophets, who prophesied of the grace (divine blessing) which was intended for you, searched and inquired earnestly about this salvation.

¹¹ They sought [to find out] to whom or when this was to come which the Spirit of Christ working within them was indicating when He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories that should follow [them].

¹² It was then disclosed to them that the services they were rendering were not meant for themselves *and* their period of time, but for you. [It is these very] things which have now already been made known plainly to you by those who preached the good news (the Gospel) to you by the [same] Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Into these things [the very] angels long to look!

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¹³ So brace up your minds; be sober (circumspect, morally alert); set your hope wholly *and* unchangeably on the grace (divine favor) that is coming to you when Jesus Christ (the Messiah) is revealed.

¹⁴ [Live] as children of obedience [to God]; do not conform yourselves to the evil desires [that governed you] in your former ignorance [when you did not know the requirements of the Gospel].

¹⁵ But as the One Who called you is holy, you yourselves also be holy in all your conduct *and* manner of living.

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

¹⁷ And if you call upon Him as [your] Father Who judges each one impartially according to what he does, [then] you should conduct yourselves with true reverence throughout the time of your temporary residence [on the earth, whether long or short].

¹⁸ You must know (recognize) that you were redeemed (ransomed) from the useless (fruitless) way of living inherited by tradition from [your] forefathers, not with corruptible things [such as] silver and gold,

¹⁹ But [you were purchased] with the precious blood of Christ (the Messiah), like that of a [sacrificial] lamb without blemish or spot.

²⁰ It is true that He was chosen *and* foreordained (destined and foreknown for it) before the foundation of the world, but He was brought out to public view (made manifest) in these last days (at the end of the times) for the sake of you.

²¹ Through Him you believe in (adhere to, rely on) God, Who raised Him up from the dead and gave Him honor *and* glory, so that your faith and hope are [centered and rest] in God.

²² Since by your obedience to the Truth *through the* [Holy] Spirit you have purified your hearts for the sincere affection of the brethren, [see that you] love one another fervently from a *pure* heart.

²³ You have been regenerated (born again), not from a mortal origin (seed, sperm), but from one that is immortal by the *ever* living and lasting Word of God.

²⁴ For all flesh (mankind) is like grass, and all its glory (honor) like [the] flower of grass. The grass withers and the flower drops off,

²⁵ But the Word of the Lord (divine instruction, the Gospel) endures forever. And this Word is the good news which was preached to you.

1 Peter 1. The Christian's Glorious Inheritance

This is a magnificent chapter in which almost every word has profound meaning.

Strangers (v. 1) seems to refer to scattered Jewish Christians. But 2:10 indicates that they were mainly Gentiles. Peter addresses them as "resident aliens," pilgrims, citizens of another world, living for a little while in this world, away from home, journeying along toward their homeland.

Suffering and glory (1:7). Those who are one in Christ will suffer for His name's sake but will also enter into His glory. The believer will benefit in the earthly suffering from Christ's already having entered glory. Trials here and now, glory at the coming of the Lord. Again and again, suffering and glory are paired.

- "The sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow" (1:11)
- "Rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed" (4:13)
- Peter, "a witness of Christ's sufferings ... who also will share in the glory to be revealed" (5:1)
- "After you have suffered a little while," you will see "his eternal glory" (5:10)

This was also Paul's comfort: "For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all" (2 Corinthians 4:17).

Precious is a favorite word with Peter.

- Trial of faith more precious than gold (1 Peter 1:7 kjv ; niv , "of greater worth than gold")
- "Redeemed ... with the precious blood of Christ" (1:18-19)
- Precious Lord (2:4 , 7)
- Precious faith (2 Peter 1:1).
- "Very great and precious promises" (2 Peter 1:4)

Set your hope fully on Him and His coming (1 Peter 1:13)—on Christ, Himself, personally, whom, not having seen, you love (v. 8), and by whose power you are kept for final salvation (v. 5). Christ Himself is the center of heaven's glory (vv. 3-9). (Halley's Bible Handbook; Henry Halley; 2000; Zondervon; history and commentaries; page 874)

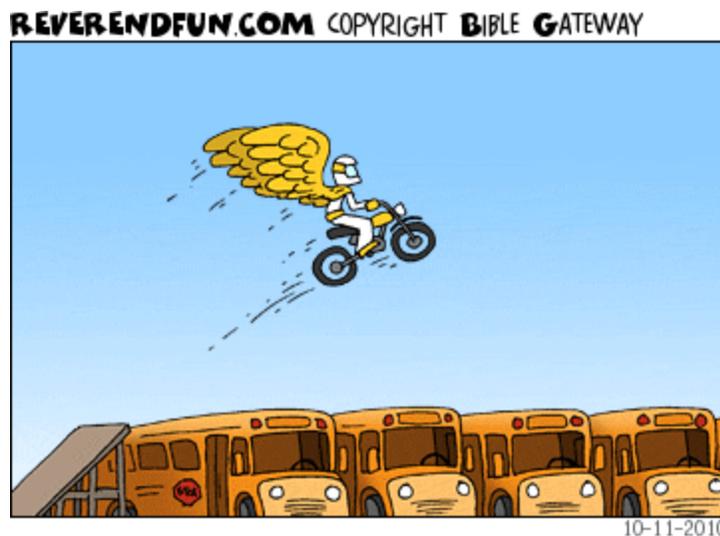
V1 Peter's epistles weren't written to a specific church, but to the Jewish believers in general. "Strangers" refers to the Jews who had been scattered abroad by the Diaspora. Paul was considered the apostle to the Gentiles. Peter was the apostle to the Jews. V2 Romans 8:29. "Sanctification" means "set apart for a sacred purpose or religious use." V3 The phrase begotten us again means, born again. Lively means living. John 14:19. V4 Matthew 6:19-20. V5 God's power keeps us from straying from Him. VV6-7 Second Timothy 3:12. The testings God allows in our lives aren't to destroy us, but to prove our worth. The testings are important to our Christian development. V8 Even

Though we've never seen Jesus, we love Him and rejoice in our belief in Him. "Unspeakable" means indescribable. VV 10-12 The prophets didn't understand the diverse prophecies that were given to them concerning the Messiah. God's grace and plan of redemption are beyond the comprehension of the angels too. V17 "Fear" is a awe or reverence. We should be in awe of our glorious God! VV18-19 "Vain conversation" refers to an empty manner of living. The traditions of man can be bondage. We were redeemed as though purchased in a slave market by Christ. He didn't pay for us with gold or silver, but with His own blood. A "spot" is an inherited, congenital defect. A "blemish" is an acquired defect. V20 The plan of redemption existed before the foundation of the world was laid. V22 "Unfeigned" love is love without hypocrisy. V23 John 1:12-13. "Being" also means having been. (New Testament Study Guide; The Word For Today; 2005; Chuck Smith; pages 171-172)

The Holy Spirit, according to 1 Peter 1:22, is the One Who purifies our hearts so we can allow the sincere love of God to flow through us to others. The Holy Spirit's aim is to get us to the place where the sincere love of God flows through us, which helps us to "ever be filled with the Holy Spirit" (see Ephesians 5:18).

Walking in the love of God is the ultimate goal of Christianity, and should be the primary pursuit of our lives. We should keep our love for Jesus red-hot! We should also have a fervent love for one another (see 1 Peter 4:8). Jesus Himself instructed us to love one another as He loves us (see John 15:12). He said that was the new commandment He came to pronounce and that all other commandments are summed up in the exhortation to love God and to love other people (see John 13:34; Matthew 22:37-40).

When I think of what I can do for myself or how I can get others to bless me, I am filled with me. When I think of other people and how I can bless them, I find myself filled with the Holy Spirit, Who is the Spirit of love.



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(Amplified Bible; The Everyday Life Bible; 2005; Joyce Meyers; Scripture, notes, commentaries; pages 2074-2076)
(Word 9; Bible Software; KJV; Amp; Sermons of Historical pastors; Scripture; concordance; reference materials; 2010)

Psa 119:105
Thy word [is] a lamp unto
my feet, and a light unto my path.



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