

The first letter of PETER

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Peter ^agreet^s the ^bbelievers

¹⁻²I, Peter, am an ^capostle of Jesus *Christ. I am ^dwriting this ^eletter to you who are ^fstrangers living in ^gdifferent places in the ^hprovinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia. God the Father ⁱchose you to be his people. He ^jdecided this long ago. The ^kHoly_Spirit ^lconsecrated you to be his people and to listen to Jesus Christ. Long ago God decided that Jesus Christ *should die to take away your ^msins. We

^a**greet:** say hello or goodbye to someone.

^b**believers:** people who *know Jesus, the *Son of God who *saves them. [*drawing # 16]

^c**apostle:** one of the first *leaders of the *church who has seen and learned from Jesus.

^d**write:** to take a pen and put words into a book or onto something. [*drawing # 47]

^e**letter:** a *message that a person *writes and sends to someone *else. [*drawing # 13]

^f**stranger:** someone who comes from another *land or city, whom people don't *know.

^g**different:** not the same, or some of these and some of the others.

^h**province:** part of a *country or *land. [*drawing # 180]

ⁱ**chose:** today I *choose and take the one that I want, yesterday I *chose.

^j**decide:** to think about what you want to do and *choose to do it. [*drawing # 41]

^k**Holy_Spirit:** God who talks to people and helps them to *know his *truth, you can not see Him.

^l**consecrate:** to give someone or something to God, so that He can use it in a *special way.

^m**sins:** bad things that people do *which God hates.

ⁿpray that God will be ^ogracious to you and that He will give you more and more of his ^ppeace.

You must ^qrejoice because God gave you a new ^rlife

³We ^spraise God, the Father of our ^{*}Lord Jesus ^{*}Christ, because He is very good to us. Jesus Christ died but God made Him live again and God has also made us live again. Now we have a new ^tlife and that is why we are sure of the things that we ^uhope for. ⁴We are sure that God will give us everything that He has ^vpromised. No one can take away the things that God gives us. His promises will never change. They are not like a flower that dries and dies. God is keeping these things ^wsafely in ^xheaven for you. ⁵God is strong. He also keeps you ^ysafe and ^zprotects you who ^abelieve in Him. He is ready to ^bsave you on the last day, and everyone will see it.

ⁿ**pray:** talk to God and ask Him for help. [*drawing # 16]

^o**gracious:** when God is good to people who do not ^{*}deserve his love.

^p**peace:** to feel near God when He takes away all your ^{*}sins and worries.

^q**rejoice:** to be happy and ^{*}praise God and sing to Him.

^r**life:** to live with God and ^{*}serve Him.

^s**praise:** to tell God how wonderful and good He is and to ^{*}worship Him.

[*drawing # 16]

^t**life:** to live with God and ^{*}serve Him.

^u**hope:** to wait for the things that God has ^{*}promised, that will come.

^v**promise:** when God said He ^{*}would do something for someone.

^w**safely:** to be ^{*}alive and well, you don't have to worry about ^{*}danger.

^x**heaven:** where the ^{*}throne of God is, where his ^{*}angels ^{*}worship Him.

^y**safe:** to be ^{*}alive and well, you don't have to worry about ^{*}danger.

^z**protect:** to help someone, keep him ^{*}safe and stop his ^{*}enemies. [*drawing # 57]

^a**believe:** to ^{*}know that God is the One who ^{*}saves you and will help and do what He said. [*drawing # 16]

^b**save:** when God takes all the ^{*}believers to ^{*}heaven to be with Him ^{*}forever.

⁶ You must ^crejoice because you ^{*}know that God will ^dsave you. You are ^esuffering all kinds of things now and some of you may think you ^{*}should stop ^fservicing God. But you will suffer only for a short ^gwhile.
⁷ These things that make you ^hsuffer are ⁱtesting your ^jfaith and your faith is ^kworth more than gold. People ^lmelt gold in a fire to make it ^mpure, and so the gold melts and changes. It is ⁿpurified. It is the same with your faith. When you suffer and God tests your faith, people will see that your faith becomes better than gold that people have melted and purified. And when Jesus ^{*}Christ comes again, you will be ^oimportant and God will ^ppraise and ^qhonour you. ⁸ You have never seen Jesus ^{*}Christ, but you love Him. You don't see Him now, but you

^c**rejoice:** to be happy and ^{*}praise God and sing to Him.

^d**save:** when God takes all the ^{*}believers to ^{*}heaven to be with Him ^{*}forever.

^e**suffering:** having pain or worry because you have big problems. [*drawing # 50]

^f**serve:** to ^{*}believe in God and do what He says.

^g**while:** a short time.

^h**suffer:** having pain or worry because you have big problems. [*drawing # 50]

ⁱ**test:** to look at someone to see if he is good ^{*}enough or doing what is right.

^j**faith:** to ^{*}believe in God and ^{*}know that He will help you.

^k**worth:** is how much something ^{*}means to you or how much you must pay to get it.

^l**melt:** when something gets so hot that it becomes soft and flows like water.

[*drawing # 114]

^m**pure:** very good and clean.

ⁿ**purified:** took away everything that was bad, ^{*}sinful, ^{*}impure or dirty.

^o**important:** a person who can tell other people what they must do.

^p**praise:** to say someone is wonderful and good.

^q**honour:** to ^{*}respect something or someone and to show that he is good and ^{*}important.

^rbelieve in Him. You ^srejoice and you are so happy that you can not say with words or ^tsigns how happy you are. It is God who makes you so happy. ⁹ You are happy because you ^{*}know what God will give you. He will ^usave everyone who ^vbelieves in ^{*}Christ.

¹⁰ The ^wprophets of the ^xOld Testament told you about the ^ymessage of God's ^zgrace. Yes, they tried very hard to understand how God ^{*}would ^asave you. ¹¹ The ^bSpirit of ^{*}Christ, who was in the ^cprophets, told them long ago that Christ ^{*}would ^dsuffer and that He would become ^eKing after that. The prophets tried to find out when and how these things that the Spirit told them about would happen to Christ. ¹² God showed

^r**believe:** to ^{*}know Jesus, the ^{*}Son of God, and ^{*}trust Him to ^{*}save you.

[^{*}drawing # 16]

^s**rejoice:** to be happy and ^{*}praise God and sing to Him.

^t**signs:** the way that Deaf people talk with their hands. [^{*}drawing # 52]

^u**save:** when God takes all the ^{*}believers to ^{*}heaven to be with Him ^{*}forever.

^v**believe:** to ^{*}know Jesus, the ^{*}Son of God, and ^{*}trust Him to ^{*}save you.

[^{*}drawing # 16]

^w**prophets:** men and women of God who tell people what God says. [^{*}drawing # 16]

^x**Old Testament:** the first part of the Bible, it was ^{*}written in the ^{*}Hebrew language. [^{*}drawing # 119]

^y**message:** the words of God that a ^{*}prophet or someone tells people.

^z**grace:** the love of God for ^{*}sinful people who do not ^{*}deserve his love.

^a**save:** when God ^{*}forgives people's ^{*}sins and gives them ^{*}eternal life.

^b**Spirit of Christ:** God who talks to people and helps them to ^{*}know his ^{*}truth, you can not see Him.

^c**prophets:** men and women of God who tell people what God says. [^{*}drawing # 16]

^d**suffer:** having pain or worry because you have big problems. [^{*}drawing # 50]

^e**King:** Jesus will come again to be King over all, everyone will ^{*}bow down in front of Him.

the ^fprophets that the ^gpromises that they were talking about were not for themselves, but for you. God sent the ^hHoly_Spirit and his Spirit gave the good ⁱmessage to the people who gave it to you. ^jEven the ^kangels *would like to understand this message and to *know more about it.

Give yourselves to the *Lord and love each other

¹³ That is why you must always be ready to ask: ‘What are the right things to do?’ You must ^lhope and be sure to get the ^mgrace that God wants to give to you on the day when Jesus *Christ comes and everyone sees Him. ¹⁴ You must live like children who listen to their ⁿparents. Do not live like you lived before you started to ^obelieve, when you did not *know the ^pGood_News of God and you always wanted to do bad things. ¹⁵ No, God has ^qchosen you to be his people and He is ^rholy. That is why

^f**prophets:** men and women of God who tell people what God says. [*drawing # 16]

^g**promise:** the things that God said He *would do for someone.

^h**Holy_Spirit:** God who talks to people and helps them to *know his *truth, you can not see Him.

ⁱ**message:** the words of God that a *prophet or someone tells people.

^j**even:** also or more than the other.

^k**angel:** a *servant of God who sometimes brings *messages to people. *Cherub-angels also had *wings. [*drawing # 4]

^l**hope:** to wait for the things that God has *promised, that will come.

^m**grace:** the love of God for *sinful people who do not *deserve his love.

ⁿ**parents:** your mother and father are your parents.

^o**believe:** to *know Jesus, the *Son of God, and *trust Him to *save you.

[*drawing # 16]

^p**Good_News:** the *message that God loves all people and that Jesus died to *forgive their *sins.

^q**chosen:** after I *choose and take the one that I want, I have chosen it.

^r**holy:** God is holy, He does not have any *sin or *faults, He is *greater than everyone.

you must live like people who ^sbelong to God in everything that you do.
¹⁶ You must live like that because God said in the ^tOld_Testament: ‘You must ^uconsecrate yourselves to Me because I am ^vholy.’^w

¹⁷ You ^xpray to God and say that He is your Father. He does not think that one person is more ^yimportant than another person and that is why He will ^zjudge each person by what he has done. You must ^arespect God ^bwhile you live as ^cstrangers in the world. ¹⁸⁻¹⁹ You ^{*}know that ^{*}Christ has freed you from a ^dworthless and ^esinful ^flife, the way of life that you have learned from your ^gforefathers. Christ has ^hsaved you, but He did not buy you with ⁱsilver or gold or something that will stop being

^s**belong:** to be the people of God or part of the people who ^{*}serve Him.

^t**Old_Testament:** the first part of the Bible, it was ^{*}written in the ^{*}Hebrew language. [^{*}drawing # 119]

^u**consecrate:** to give yourself to God, so that He can use you in a ^{*}special way.

^v**holy:** God is holy, He does not have any ^{*}sin or ^{*}faults, He is ^{*}greater than everyone.

^w**1 Peter 1:16** These words are also in the ^{*}Old_Testament in Leviticus 19:2.

^x**pray:** talk to God and ask Him for help. [^{*}drawing # 16]

^y**important:** a person who can tell other people what they must do.

^z**judge:** when God ^{*}decides who has done right and who has done wrong.

^a**respect:** to show someone that he is ^{*}important to you and you listen to him.

^b**while:** when, at the same time.

^c**stranger:** someone who comes from another ^{*}land or city, whom people don't ^{*}know.

^d**worthless:** something that is no good, you can ^{*}throw it away. [^{*}drawing # 110]

^e**sinful:** things that are bad, ^{*}which God hates.

^f**life:** the time that you live on ^{*}earth, from your ^{*}birth ^{*}until you die.

^g**forefathers:** the first fathers of the ^{*}grandfathers of a ^{*}tribe or ^{*}nation.

^h**saved:** when God ^{*}forgave people's ^{*}sins and gave them ^{*}eternal_life.

ⁱ**silver:** shiny white ^{*}metal that they use as money or to make ^{*}jewellery.

[^{*}drawing # 115]

^jvaluable. No, Christ paid a lot more when He freed you. He gave his life and freed you when He died for you on the ^kcross. He was the ^lsacrifice like a ^mlamb that was ⁿperfect, without any ^ofault. ²⁰ God ^pchose *Christ before He made the world but He sent Christ to the world, now, at the end of time, to ^qsave you. ²¹ You ^rbelieve in God because you ^sbelong to *Christ. Christ was dead, but God made Him live again and made Him ^tKing. That is why you believe in God and why you are sure that He will ^usave you.

²² You have listened to God and ^vobeyed the ^wtruth and so you have ^xpurified yourselves. Now you can ^ytruly love each other and this is

^j**valuable:** something that is *worth a lot or costs a lot of money. [*drawing # 117]

^k**cross:** 2 wooden poles like a + on *which *Christ died to *forgive all our *sins. [*drawing # 23]

^l**sacrifice:** what *Christ did when He gave his *life to *forgive our *sins. [*drawing # 23]

^m**lamb:** a *young or baby sheep. [*drawing # 139]

ⁿ**perfect:** to be *completely right with no *faults or anything wrong.

^o**fault:** something that is wrong.

^p**chose:** today I *choose and take the one that I want, yesterday I *chose.

^q**save:** when God *forgives people's *sins and gives them *eternal_life.

^r**believe:** to *know that God is the One who *saves you and will help and do what He said. [*drawing # 16]

^s**belong:** to be the people of God or part of the people who *serve Him.

^t**King:** Jesus will come again to be King over all, everyone will *bow down in front of Him.

^u**save:** when God takes all the *believers to *heaven to be with Him *forever.

^v**obey:** to listen to a *law or a person and do what he says.

^w**truth:** what God says or what *really happened, it is not a *lie.

^x**purified:** took away everything that was bad, *sinful, *impure or dirty.

^y**true:** something that God says is right or *real, it is not a *lie.

what you must do: You must love each other with all your hearts and do not stop doing it. Do not only ^zpretend to do it. ²³ God has given you a new ^alife and you have been ^bborn again, not like a child who is born from ^cparents who will die. No, God gave you this new life when He ^dspoke to you ^ethrough his ^fWord, ^gwhich is ^halive and will always be here. ²⁴ It is ⁱwritten in the ^jOld Testament:

‘All people are like grass.
Maybe they are beautiful and good,
but they are like flowers in the ^kfield.
Grass becomes dry and flowers fall off,
²⁵ but the ^lWord of the *Lord will never change.

^z**pretend:** to make it look as if you are doing something, but you are not *really doing it.

^a**life:** to live with God and *serve Him.

^b**born again:** when God starts to work in someone's heart and gives him a new *life with God.

^c**parents:** your mother and father are your parents.

^d**spoke:** today I talk or speak, yesterday I spoke. [*drawing # 52]

^e**through:** when God talks to a person but He uses someone *else to say it.

^f**Word of God:** the Bible or the things that God said in the *Old Testament.

^g**which:** that, what or that one.

^h**alive:** living, not dead. [*drawing # 155]

ⁱ**written:** when someone put down words into a book or *letter with a pen.
[*drawing # 47]

^j**Old Testament:** the first part of the Bible, it was *written in the *Hebrew language. [*drawing # 119]

^k**field:** *land outside a town, there are no houses, only grass and animals.
[*drawing # 139]

^l**Word of God:** the Bible or the things that God said in the *Old Testament.

It will stay ^mforever.ⁿ

This is the Word of the Lord, the ^oGood_News that God's ^pmessengers have ^qpreached to you.

^m**forever:** it will go on and on, it will never stop.

ⁿ**1 Peter 1:24-25** These words are also in the *Old_Testament in Isaiah 40:6-8.

^o**Good_News:** the *message that God loves all people and that Jesus died to *forgive their *sins.

^p**messengers:** people who tell the *message of God to other people.

^q**preach:** to tell people about God and *explain what his words *mean.