

*Exhortation to holiness.*

1 PETER, II.

*Christ the corner-stone.*

when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow :

12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not *a* unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost *b* sent down from heaven ; which things the angels *c* desire to look into.

13 Wherefore gird *d* up the loins of your mind, be sober, *e* and hope *f* to the end *g* for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ ;

14 As obedient children, not fashioning *g* yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance :

15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation ;

16 Because it is written, *h* Be ye holy ; for I am holy.

17 And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning *here* in fear : *i*

18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers ;

19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb *k* without blemish and without spot :

20 Who verily was foreordained before *l* the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

21 Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and *m* gave him glory ; that your faith and hope might be in God.

22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth *n* through the Spirit unto unfeigned love *o* of the brethren, see *that ye* love one another with a pure heart fervently :

23 Being born *p* again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word *q* of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

24 *r* For *r* all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away :

25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this *s* is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

CHAPTER II.

1 *He inciteth them against uncharitableness ; 4 he sheweth their privileges through Christ the chief corner-stone ; 11 he beseecheth them to abstain from fleshly lusts, etc.*

A. D. 60.

*a* He. 11. 39, 40.

*b* Ac. 2. 4.

2 Co. 1. 22.

*c* Ep. 3. 10.

*d* Lu. 12. 35.

*e* Lu. 21. 34.

*f* perfectly.

*g* He. 10. 35.

*h* Ro. 12. 2.

*i* Le. 11. 44.

*j* Phi. 2. 12.

*k* Jno. 1. 29, 36.

Re. 7. 14.

*l* Re. 13. 8.

*m* Mat. 28. 18.

Phi. 2. 9.

*n* Jno. 17. 17.

19.

*o* 1 Jno. 3. 14.

18.

*p* Jno. 1. 13.

*q* Ja. 1. 18.

*r* or, For that.

*s* Is. 40. 6-8.

*t* Jno. 1. 1, 14.

2 Pe. 1. 19.

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(CHAP. 2.)

*a* Ep. 4. 22, 31.

*b* Mat. 18. 3.

*c* 1 Co. 3. 2.

*d* Ps. 34. 8.

*e* Ps. 118. 22.

*f* or, Be ye.

*g* He. 3. 6.

*h* Is. 61. 6.

Re. 1. 6.

*i* Mal. 1. 11.

*j* Is. 28. 16.

*k* or, an

honour.

*l* Mat. 21. 42.

*m* Jude 4.

*n* or, pur-

chased.

*o* De. 4. 20.

*p* or, virtues.

*q* Ac. 26. 18.

*r* Ro. 9. 25.

*s* Ps. 119. 19.

*t* Ga. 5. 16-21.

*u* Ro. 8. 13.

Ja. 4. 1.

*v* or, wherein.

*w* Mat. 5. 16.

*x* Mat. 12. 21.

Ro. 13. 1-7.

*y* Tit. 2. 8.

*z* Ga. 5. 1, 13.

*aa* having.

WHEREFORE laying aside *a* all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,

2 As new-born babes, *b* desire the sincere milk *c* of the word, that ye may grow thereby :

3 If so be ye have tasted *d* that the Lord is gracious.

4 To whom coming, *e* as unto a living stone, disallowed *e* indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious,

5 Ye also, as lively stones, *f* are built up a spiritual house, *f* an holy priest-hood, *g* to offer up spiritual *h* sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, *i* Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner-stone, elect, precious : and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

7 Unto you therefore which believe *he is* *j* precious : but unto them which be disobedient, the stone *k* which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,

8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, *even to them* which stumble at the word, being disobedient : whereunto *l* also they were appointed.

9 But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a *peculiar* *m* people ; that ye should show forth the *praises* of him who hath called you out of darkness *n* into his marvellous light :

10 Which *o* in time past *were* not a people, but *are* now the people of God : which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers *p* and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, *q* which war *r* against the soul ;

12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles : that, *s* whereas they speak against you as evil doers, they may by your good works, *s* which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

13 Submit yourselves *t* to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake : whether it be to the king, as supreme ;

14 Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evil doers, and for the praise of them that do well.

15 For so is the will of God, that *u* with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men :

16 As free, *v* and not *w* using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness but as the servants of God.