

The First Epistle of PETER

JOY unspeakable and full of glory,
the end, the saving of our souls.
We have a lively hope, though still heavy
with temptations,
An incorruptible seed, and so our joy
abounds.
Called to be holy as God is holy
in all our behavior, for this we know,
we were not redeemed, no, not by gold or
silver
but with the precious blood of Christ alone.

1 PETER 1

¹Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,
To all the strangers scattered abroad
throughout Pontus, Galatia and Asia,
Cappadocia and Bithynia,
²elect according to the foreknowledge of God
the Father,
through the sanctification of the Spirit for
obedience and the sprinkling of the blood of
Jesus Christ,
Grace be to you and peace be multiplied.
³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ,
who, according to His abundant mercy,
has begotten us again to a lively hope by the
resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
⁴to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled
that does not fade away, reserved in heaven
for you.
⁵who are kept by the power of God through
faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in
the last time,
⁶Wherein you greatly rejoice, though, now for
a little while, if need be you have been grieved
by many trials,
⁷that the integrity of your faith, being much
more precious than gold that will perish,
though it is tested by fire,
may be found to praise, honor and glory at the
appearing of Jesus Christ,
⁸who, though you have not seen, you love,
and though you do not see Him now, yet be-
lieving, you rejoice with joy unspeakable and
full of glory,
⁹Receiving the end of your faith, the salvation
of your souls.
¹⁰Of this salvation the prophets have enquired
and searched diligently for,
who prophesied of the grace to come to you,
¹¹Searching what, or what manner of time the
Spirit of Christ in them signified,
when He testified before of the sufferings of
Christ and also the glory that should follow.
¹²To them it was revealed that, not to them-

selves, but to us they were ministering the
things that they had seen,
which are now reported to you by those
who have preached the gospel to you
by the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven;
things which angels desire to look into.
¹³Therefore, gird up the loins of your mind,
be sober, and hope fully in the grace that is to
be brought to you when Christ is revealed;
¹⁴As obedient children, not conforming your-
selves according to the former lusts, as in your
ignorance;
¹⁵but as He who has called you is holy,
so be holy in all your behavior,
¹⁶because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."
¹⁷And if on the Father you call, who without
partiality, judges according to every man's
work,
spend rest of your the time here on earth in
fear;
¹⁸For you know that you were not redeemed
with corruptible things, such as gold or silver,
from your unprofitable lifestyle that you re-
ceived by tradition from your fathers,
¹⁹but by the precious blood of Christ,
as of a Lamb without blemish and without
spot.
²⁰He was foreordained before the foundation
of the world,
but was revealed in these last times for you
²¹who through Him believe in God,
who raised Him from the dead and gave Him
glory, so that your faith and hope might be in
God.
²²Since you have purified your souls in obey-
ing the truth through the Spirit in consistent
love for the brethren,
See that you love each other fervently with a
pure heart,
²³having been born again, not of corruptible
seed, but of incorruptible,
by God's word, which lives and abides forever.
²⁴For, "All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of
man as the flower of the grass.
The grass withers and its flower falls away,
²⁵but the word of the Lord endures forever."
This is indeed the word which by the gospel
was preached to you.

CWDS Bible Quotes

- 1. You were not elected by default but by design; destiny had your name written on it before history recorded your birth.*
- 2. Our hope is not dead; it is active, alive and actively alive in Jesus who rose from the dead to give us this living hope.*
- 3. We cannot walk, wiggle, waltz or barge into the*

hope of Christ, there is no door or possible access to the flesh. By the grace of Jesus we were born again into this hope.

4. *The attributes of our inheritance in Christ: incorruptible, undefiled and everlasting, elevates us far beyond the limitations of our old state.*
5. *The salvation we have received is present and real but future to be revealed in completion with Christ.*
6. *Your difficult trials could be just a faith test for integrity to see how true and genuine your love and faith is.*
7. *Gold perishes with time and it is for the praise, honor and glory of men; genuine faith flourishes throughout and beyond time and it is our praise, honor and glory when we see Jesus who faith compels us to love now without seeing.*
8. *Faith prompts joy in time that is beyond speech, expression and comprehension, but is glorious and full of the glory.*
9. *The prophets saw it ahead of time but we have entered into the glorious salvation and the times they saw; these are things angels look at but cannot look into.*
10. *If you know that the grace that revealed Christ to you will bring you fully into your hope, then rest your hope fully upon this grace.*
11. *As with an orchestra the conductor is Christ but your conduct must be becoming for only the transformed can be conducted into life.*
12. *You are called by His holiness from your place of worldliness to holiness for He is holy, and to be holy as He is.*
13. *Your call on the Father is a call on you to fall on the Father and walk in fear, understand how precarious time can be to your hope of the Father.*
14. *The value of our redemption is in the price of the transaction that cannot be measured in corruption, by gold or other mention, but the unblemished blood of Christ the Lamb.*
15. *Jesus was foreordained before the foundation of the world and offered and raised by God to become the foundation of our faith and our hope in God.*
16. *Obedying the truth compels you to sincere and fervent love for the brethren that not only satisfies but purifies the soul.*
17. *The word of God that saved and is saving you from corruption, is not corrupt, cannot be corrupted, and will never fall to the corruption of time, but is from forever; it ever lives and forever impacts time from forever.*
18. *The word of God is a forever Spirit that reaches into time to rescue but time cannot reach into it to corrupt it.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Thank You Father that my life is not by chance, nor will I leave my salvation to chance; You have called me into this grace and I will walk worthy of it. Amen.
- The hope of the living God is alive in me and I am alive in hope. Amen.
- Thank You Jesus for being my conduit into this hope that nothing on earth could convey me into. I am graciously blessed. Amen.
- Jesus I am satisfied; I have a good inheritance in You; my best potential before You is like dust compared to who I am in You. Amen.
- I can taste it Lord, the joy of my salvation; it is full of glory here but is just a taste of the glory to be

revealed that is drawing me to You. Amen.

A CHOSEN generation and called, a royal priesthood we are, a holy nation and a peculiar people to show forth the praises of our Lord. He bore our sins on the tree that, though dead to sins we be, we would live again to righteousness. By His stripes we are healed.

1 PETER 2

- ¹Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisies, envy, and all evil speaking,
- ²as newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word that you may grow thereby,
- ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.
- ⁴To Him you have come, as unto a living stone, rejected by men but chosen of God, and precious,
- ⁵you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
- ⁶Therefore the Scripture also says, "Behold I lay in Zion, a chief cornerstone, elect and precious, and he who believes on Him, will not be confounded."
- ⁷To you who believe He is precious, but to those who are disobedient,
- ⁸"The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone,
- ⁹A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense" they were disobedient, therefore they stumble at the word, to which they were also appointed.
- ⁹But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a special people, that you may show forth the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light,
- ¹⁰who formerly were not a people, but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.
- ¹¹Dear beloved, I implore you, as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lust, which war against the soul,
- ¹²keep your behavior honest among the Gentiles, so when they speak against you, as if you are evildoers, by your good works which they shall see they may glorify God, in the day of visitation.
- ¹³Now for the Lord's sake, submit yourselves to every ordinance of man, whether to the king, as supreme,
- ¹⁴or to governors as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for

the praise of those who do good.

15For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men;

16as free, yet not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.

17Honor all men. Love the brethren.

Fear God. Honor the king.

18Servants, be submissive to your masters with all godly fear, not only to the good and gentle but also to the contrary,

19For it is worthy of commendation, if because of conscience toward God, one endures much and wrongful suffering.

20For what glory is it, if when you are beaten for your faults you take it patiently?

But if when you do well, you suffer for it and you take it patiently, this is commendable with God.

21For you were called unto this, because Christ also suffered for us, and He left us an example so we may follow in His steps.

22Who never sinned, neither was deceit found in His mouth;

23who when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously,

24who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sin, might live for righteousness, by whose stripes you were healed.

25For you were like sheep going astray from the fold, but now you have returned unto the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *You cannot just lie on your side, lay the word aside and expect growth; you must lay aside evil speaking, malice and deceit by laying into the word until it lays the flesh aside and you live Christ.*
2. *If you have tasted how sweet and gracious the Lord is, then your passionate pursuit of the word to make you grow in Him will be like that of a new born infant grasping for the nipple; the very smell of milk, the Word, commands your attention.*
3. *This is the era where stones come alive, and the living become breathing stones to be a house of sacrifice through Jesus Christ, for if you catch the fire it takes you higher.*
4. *Every stone laid on Jesus comes to life and becomes pleasant in priesthood-positioning and in purpose.*
5. *The strength of the cornerstone determines the extent of the confidence you have in the building; Jesus is our cornerstone and therefore our faith cannot collapse.*
6. *It is a shame not to believe on the One who took the shame to cover ours; those who believe on Him will never be put to shame.*
7. *Rejecting Christ is rejecting your exclusive invite;*

it makes you and not Him a reject for the power is and always will be in His hands.

8. *Fall upon the Rock for He is a rock of offense and you do not what Him falling on you; respond to the Word, you cannot bypass or ignore Him; He is a stone by which you stumble.*
9. *Kings of old had priests appointed for rituals; they could not reign without righteousness and could not be righteous without priestly rituals; today we are kings and priests, a composite of righteousness and authority.*
10. *Every good king of old elevated the priestly office, for we reign from our position of righteousness; every king who stepped outside righteousness was designated to wrath or removed.*
11. *We are not priestly kings but a royal priesthood; our authority as kings is so that we may engage and execute our priestly duties: to reach, to teach, to intercede for and to represent people.*
12. *We are no ordinary people; we are special to God, selected, separated, elected, protected and privileged.*
13. *As dark as the midday sun without the light of the Son; as bright as midnight in the presence of His marvelous light. We are called out of one spiritual place into the awesome presence of His glory.*
14. *Not because you are urging means you should be splurging; not because it is attainable means you should not contain yourself and abstain. You minister by conversation and by conduct.*
15. *Be conscious of the people you bless by your good works and the glory the Lord gets from your good works when they bless the Lord because of you.*
16. *Correct response to authority is demonstrated submission to authority for it determines your elevation to authority and in life.*
17. *You cannot dishonor governance with the excuse that you are under greater governance and covenant; you can only dishonor authority by dismissing your God. Your covenant and heavenly governance requires submission to local government.*
18. *Your freedom is not an occasion to free the flesh but every reason to flee the flesh.*
19. *Honor makes you exceptional but it is not optional, it is instructional; honor is the currency of elevation and an expression of Godly fear.*
20. *Your love for God is expressed in your love for the brotherhood, the church that He bled and died for, and for the brethren, His people.*
21. *You may be wronged for your right just as Christ; but to be blameless in conduct is to ensure you do not wrong your right, or make your right wrong.*
22. *Christ did not give back what He received from those who were killing Him; He received what He got from them so He could give to them what they needed of Him.*
23. *Sin clothed us with death and made us unresponsive to righteousness; Jesus died for our sins to make us alive and responsive to the righteousness of God.*
24. *We commit ourselves to man by responding as their offense deserves; we commit ourselves to God by responding as His righteousness demands.*
25. *The suffering of Christ is conclusive; it concluded our healing but only our faith can convey it to our bodies.*
26. *He endured so much pain and suffering to re-*

move ours that it pains Him when we ignore His works and accept the devils affliction of pain.
 27. *Lost and astray does not mean left, abandoned and neglected; the Shepherd of our souls suffered to return us to the safety of His fold.*

PRAYER POINTS

- My Father, my God, my faith is alive; now that I have found You, I will seek You with all my heart until I am lost and found in You. Amen.
- O how I love Your word, Lord! I will forever be hungry for Your word. Amen.
- I am a lively stone in Your house, Lord Jesus; my praise shall maintain its place on earth to take its place in glory. Amen.
- I am a house of sacrifice laid on Jesus who was a stone of sacrifice for me; I embrace my priesthood, in the name of Jesus.
- My faith is in Jesus and I shall never be ashamed. Amen.

HIS eye, His ear, His face;
To be watched over by His eye;
To know He hears our every cry
and not to face His face.
If you know you are called to a blessing,
then bless when you are reviled;
Be ready to give an answer of the hope of your delight.
We are called unto a good conscience
By Jesus Christ now in the heavens;
But all evildoers have their sentence,
His great and terrible face.

1 PETER 3

¹Likewise, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands, so that if some do not obey the word, even without a word, they may be won by the conduct of their wives,
²when they observe your behavior, pure and tempered by fear.
³Do not let your beautification be merely outward plaiting the hair, wearing of gold, or putting on lovely clothes,
⁴but let it be the hidden person of the heart, which is not corruptible;
 The ornament of a meek and quiet spirit which in the sight of God is of great value.
⁵For after this manner, in times of old, the holy women also who trusted in God adorned themselves, being in subjection to their own husbands,
⁶as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him Lord, whose daughters you are, if you do good and are not afraid with any amazement.
⁷Likewise, you husbands, dwell with them with understanding,
 giving honor to your wives as to the weaker vessel,
 and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.
⁸Finally, be all of one mind, having compassion for each other;
 love as brothers, be compassionate, be courteous;
⁹nor repaying evil for evil, nor reviling for revil-

ing, but instead blessing,
 knowing that you were called unto this, that you may inherit a blessing,
¹⁰For he who would love his life and see good days,
 let him refrain his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit.
¹¹Let him shun evil and do good always;
 Let him seek peace and pursue it.
¹²For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and His ears are open to their prayers;
 but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.
¹³And who is he who will harm you if you become followers of that which is good?
¹⁴But, if you suffer for righteousness sake you can be happy.
 And do not be troubled, neither be afraid of their threats.
¹⁵But sanctify the Lord in your hearts, and be always ready to give a response to everyone who asks a reason for the hope that is in you; do this with meekness and with fear,
¹⁶having a good conscience, that when they speak evil of you as of evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed .
¹⁷For it is better, if it is God's will, that you suffer for well doing rather than for doing evil.
¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for our sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God,
 being put to death in the flesh, but made alive by the Spirit,
¹⁹by whom He also went and preached to the spirits in prison,
²⁰who formerly were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved by water.
²¹This is a prototype of baptism, which now saves us, (not the putting off of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience towards God),
 through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
²²who is gone into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God,
 angels, authorities and powers all being made subject to Him.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Submission is more productive than arguments; conduct more emphatic than conversation; you argument your faith by agreeable conduct.*
2. *True beauty originates in the heart and emanates from within to energize and electrify the beauty outside.*
3. *Prepare your spirit for God's approval and you will not be prepared for the measure of effect you will have on others.*
4. *Play for His eyes only. If you adorn yourself for heaven's eyes hell will take notice; hell will look to heaven to appreciate the glory in you.*
5. *Call your husband by the dignity you expect him to be and you desire to see in him and it*

will clothe you with the dignity you deserve; it makes you dignified to clothe your husband with dignity and a lady to call your husband your lord.

6. *Treat your husband in the way you want to be viewed as his wife; project him into the destiny that preserves and protects you.*
7. *If you want honor in life, honor your wife; it is an instruction that is constructive.*
8. *There is no bonding without understanding; study your woman so you may treat her with understanding in order to save your marriage physically, your wife and your own spiritual life.*
9. *Your relation in the home affects your reception in heaven; if you block your ears to ministry to your wife in her weaknesses, heaven will block your prayers and not release its strength to your own weakness.*
10. *Living with people is not a conditioning but a condition of your calling. You express love, compassion and blessing even when all your senses cry out, 'crisis'.*
11. *Your good days are a product of your good positive ways, the control of your speech and your pursuit of peace.*
12. *It is best to eye the eye of the Lord by doing righteousness, and to attract the ears of the Lord by uprightness, than to face the face of the Lord in His wrath because of your evil ways.*
13. *If you follow good, good will follow you; you will not be alarmed of threats or harm for good will protect and preserve you.*
14. *They will know you are no pretense when you are always ready to give a defense of your faith.*
15. *The Lord is sanctified by your boast when you can confidently verbalize your hope and confidence in Him.*
16. *Unless you suffer for Christ you suffer in vain; the suffering becomes personally yours; if you suffer for wrong it becomes your hell with no help.*
17. *Jesus died to rise above death so He could minister to the souls of men long dead from life and those dead in life, by the Spirit who raised Him.*
18. *Baptism is not the answer to salvation but the answer of a good conscience now that we have responded to the saving grace of the Lord.*
19. *We see Christ crucified so we may see Him seated at the right hand of all supremacy with angels subject to Him.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Holy Spirit, Your fruit is the attitude of my conduct; I will portray the attributes of the Spirit who lives in me. Amen.
- Let the fire of the living God burn away distraction caused by physical attributes and attractiveness and burn a passion for holiness into our hearts. Amen.
- Holy Spirit, I yield myself to You completely; prepare me daily to bear the seal of my Father's approval. Amen.
- For Your eyes only Daddy; burn away pride and every other motive from my heart. Amen.
- I place on the tongue of wives, the power to dictate their marriages with words seasoned with eternity. Amen.

WHERE no cause to rejoice is, there is cause to rejoice inasmuch as you are partakers of the suffering of Christ, Having His mind in knowing,

he who suffers in the flesh has ceased from sin.

Judgment must begin at the house of God. A multitude of sins is covered up by love; So rejoice in your suffering, for you have cause of rejoice.

1 PETER 4

¹Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same mind, for He who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,

²for he no longer lives the rest of his time in the flesh for lusts of men, but for the will of God.

³For in the past of our lives, we were satisfied to do the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lewdness, lust, excess of wine, reveling, excess banqueting and abominable idolatry;

⁴Now they think it strange that you do not run with them, to the same excess and rebellion, speaking evil of you.

⁵They shall give account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead,

⁶For this reason also, the gospel was preached to those who are dead, that they may be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.

⁷But the end of all things is at hand. Be sober therefore, and watchful in prayer.

⁸Above all things have fervent love among yourselves, for love covers a multitude of sin.

⁹Be hospitable to each other without grumbling.

¹⁰As each man has received of the gift, even so, minister to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

¹¹If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God.

If any man ministers, let him do it as with the ability God has given him, that in all things God may be glorified through our Lord, Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

¹²Beloved, do not think it strange when you are tried with the fiery trials that is approaching, as though some strange thing happened to you;

¹³but rejoice because you are partakers of the suffering of Christ, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.

¹⁴If you are reproached for the name of Christ, be happy, for the spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

They speak evil of Him and revile Him but in you He is glorified.

¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or

as a thief, an evildoer,
or as a busybody in other people's business.

16 Yet if any of you suffer because he is a Christian, let him not be ashamed but let him glorify God because of this.

17 For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God, and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?

18 If the righteous is scarcely saved, where shall the ungodly and sinners appear?

19 Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God now hear and commit the keeping of their souls to Him in doing good, as unto a faithful Creator.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *You put flesh in subjection through valiant perseverance in suffering and voluntary fasting so that you do not become subject to the subjective desires of the flesh.*
2. *Who you live to please will determine what you live to do and what you do with your life. You can live to please men by engaging their fleshly ways or be pleased to live for God by walking after His righteous ways.*
3. *If you stay separate from the world to live holy, the world will lambast you with evil speaking and persecute you, for the world only understand and appreciate its standards.*
4. *Never take it into account when they speak evil of you on account of your righteousness, for they will give account to God who is ready to take account of it all for judgment.*
5. *The grace of salvation goes beyond the grave to extend itself to the spirits of those who died before grace was poured out in the earth, for grace knows no boundaries; it is only limited by the willingness of those who receives it to extend it.*
6. *Your understanding of the times must fuel fervency in prayer and watchfulness.*
7. *Committed love for each other covers sin constantly and continuously for you can afford to lose the offense but you cannot afford to lose the soul.*
8. *Grace is not for you to muster but to minister; for the real reward of grace is to be a true steward of grace; grace will multiply in life but grace is not to magnify your life independently, for grace is not just for living but for giving.*
9. *Speak from the mind of God and minister from the mines of God so you may glorify God only; for if it is to God it must come from God; the flesh cannot please God.*
10. *Fiery trials will not change you if you understand it is not strange to your faith; fiery trials should engage the fire in you for Christ who endured the fire, and should release fiery joy in you.*
11. *Their blasphemy by reproaching you is your unusual platform for glorifying Christ; it does not get as good and genuine without them.*
12. *Your suffering is your offering; never suffer in anything that cannot be offered; suffering should magnify your change and faith and not your shame and unfaithfulness.*
13. *The church attracts the most wrath for it is the most taught; judgment begins there. The greater the word the greater the responsibility and the greater the wrath.*
14. *The church is the most loved and will be the first*

judged; Jesus will return for a perfect church, not the one you see but the one He will take out of it.

15. *It is easy to point your finger at the church because it is pictured against perfection, but more valuable to pin your finger at you who is separated from the picture, for if the picture is not perfect and the righteous are scarcely saved, how about those who are not in the picture of salvation.*
16. *God is your covering in your suffering if you commit your soul to Him in doing good despite the trying situation.*

PRAYER POINTS

- I refuse to be ruled by my flesh; I will rule myself and govern my desires by the word. Amen.
- Most High God, I live to please You and You only; let the fire of the Lord burn away any thought contrary to this. Amen.
- I am not of this world; I am a reformer not a conformer and I cannot be pressured to change. Amen.
- Righteous Father and my God, you know the thoughts and intent of the heart, let my righteousness vindicate me in Your presence. Amen.
- Lord Jesus, as You intended grace for all men, help me to extend Your grace to all men; as You went beyond the grave to reach the dead, extend Yourself through me to reach the dead in this life. Amen.

LIKE a tower or a mountain able to withstand

the roaring of the lion, and to embrace your most delicate emotions;

Cast your cares for He cares.

Lay them down and leave them there; gently place them in His hand.

Cast your cares for He cares;

He is gentle though He is strong.

1 PETER 5

1 The elders which are among you I exhort, for I am also an elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ and a partaker of the glory that will be revealed hereafter:

2 Feed the flocks of God who are among you, serving as overseers,

not by compulsion, but willingly, not for filthy gains, but of a ready mind,

3 nor as being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock.

4 and when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

5 Likewise, you younger ones, submit yourselves to your elders.

Yes, be all subject one to another, and be clothed with humility.

For God resists the proud, but He gives grace to the humble.

6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God,

that He may exalt you in due time;

7 cast all your cares upon Him for He cares for

you.

⁸Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil walks about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may prey on and devour.

⁹Resist him steadfastly in faith, knowing that the very same afflictions are experienced by your brethren all over the world.

¹⁰But may the God of all grace who called us to His eternal glory by Jesus Christ, perfect, establish, strengthen and settle you, after you have suffered for a while.

¹¹To Him be glory and dominion forever and ever, Amen.

¹²Now, by Silvanus, whom I consider a faithful brother to you, I have briefly written with my hand, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God wherein you stand.

¹³The Church that is at Babylon, elected together with you, send greetings; so does my son Mark.

¹⁴Greet one another with a kiss of love; Peace be to you all who are in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Ministers and overseers should not fake away in service with faulty motives and unfaithful lives or they will fall away when Jesus appears to give the crown of life that never fades away.*
2. *Ministers should lord it over their service to excite eagerness and passion while they serve the people with love, for there is no lordship to be derived from service.*
3. *Gain by dishonesty in service is disservice; rather the glory of service should be your greatest gain and only game.*
4. *Humility is the only currency of exaltation; submission to each other is a most effective and awesome display of humility.*

5. *There is no competition in submission, just genuine love and a quest for completion.*
6. *The hand you position under is the hand that is under you to lift you up and the strength that is over you to pull you up; with this understanding you humble yourself under the hand of God extended through the hands of man.*
7. *If you know He can and He cares, you will not can your cares and bear them alone but cast your cares.*
8. *The devil is not an advisory, he is an adversary, resist him; he prowls and roars without power unless he is giving permission by presumption or complacency.*
9. *Same devil, same strategy, differing targets. Overcoming is personal but your suffering is not unique to you, it is universal.*
10. *The prayer of the apostle is not for you to escape suffering, but for you to be empowered, strengthened, established and settled by it and through it.*
11. *You cannot escape suffering which is common to the faith; you must endure in order to secure your salvation and your faith.*
12. *Fellowship and greetings of each other is important; you must keep it pouring while keeping it pure. You greet with a holy kiss.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Let the fire of the living God burn every façade bearing the name of ministry; let the word Your ministers preach come alive like fire to their consciences. Amen.
- Jesus, You are my only Lord; I will serve people to serve You rather than lord it over them to serve myself. Amen.
- Lamb of God, it is a distinct honor and glory to serve You; You are my reward; I will serve You faithfully and with integrity. Amen.
- Spirit of humility that compels believers to submit to each other, fall upon the church today, in the name of Jesus.
- Lord Jesus, let humility meet humility, genuine love and integrity, as brethren commit themselves to the confidence of each other. Amen.

Martin Luther was a Christian theologian and Augustinian monk whose teachings inspired the Protestant Reformation and deeply influenced the doctrines of Protestant and other Christian traditions. Luther declared his intolerance for the Roman Church's corruption in 1517, by nailing his 95 Theses of Contention to the Wittenberg Church door. Luther, who would be exiled in the months following the Diet of Worms Council in 1521 that was designed to martyr him, would translate the New Testament into German for the first time from the 1516 Greek-Latin New Testament of Erasmus, and publish it in September of 1522. Luther also published a German Pentateuch in 1523, and in the 1530's he would go on to publish the entire Bible in German. He died of natural causes in 1946. (see full feature at the end of this book.)