

From: Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ.

To: Obedient followers of Jesus scattered all over the world. Chosen by the Father. Sanctified by the Spirit. Sprinkled with the blood of Jesus Christ.
Abundant grace and peace to you.

Praise to our Father God! He is so great in mercy to give us hope through Jesus Christ. We have a forever inheritance in heaven. We have God's power shielding us until heaven. So rejoice in your suffering and grief and trials. Your faith will grow in spite of these difficult times. In fact, your faith will thrive in the midst of these difficult times. So praise God. Give God glory. Honor God in all you experience.

Be holy in all you do.

God chose you to be His people and His nation and His ministers to praise Him. Tell your story of coming out of darkness and into His wonderful light. You will suffer for doing good.

So live good lives in your world so that your good deeds are seen. Show respect. Love others. Fear God. Honor the laws. Because Jesus did it, and we should follow His example. Be ready to give an answer about the hope you have. When you give your answer be gentle and respectful.

Above all, love each other. Love covers a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to others. Serve others with the strength God provides. Be humble toward one another so God will be praised through Jesus Christ.

You will suffer for being a Christian. So don't be surprised when you experience strange things. Don't be surprised when you are insulted or when you suffer. And do not be ashamed. Be alert that the devil is real. Resist him. Stand firm in your faith.

Our friend Silas and I wrote this to encourage you. Greetings from the church and Mark. Greet each other with love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.