
(1:13-21)

13a. Therefore, preparing your minds for action,

13b. and being sober-minded,

13c. set your hope fully on the grace

13d. that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

14a. As obedient children,

14b. do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance,

15a. but as he who called you is holy,

15b. you also be holy in all your conduct,

16a. since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

17a. And if you call on him as Father

17b. who judges impartially according to each one's deeds,

17c. conduct yourselves with fear

17d. throughout the time of your exile,

18a. knowing that you were ransomed

18b. from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers,

18c. not with perishable things

18d. such as silver or gold,

19a. but with the precious blood of Christ,

19b. like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

20a. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world

20b. but was made manifest in the last times

20c. for the sake of you

21a. who through him are believers in God,

21b. who raised him from the dead and gave him glory,

21c. so that your faith and hope are in God.

(1:22-2:3)

22a. Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth

22b. for a sincere brotherly love,

22c. love one another earnestly from a pure heart,

23a. since you have been born again,

23b. not of perishable seed

23c. but of imperishable [seed],

23d. through the living and abiding word of God;

24a. for

24b. “All flesh is like grass

24c and all its glory like the flower of grass.

24d. The grass withers,

24e. and the flower falls,

25a. but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

25b. And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

2:1 So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander.

2a. Like newborn infants,

2b. long for the pure spiritual milk,

2c. that by it you may grow up into salvation—

3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Outline:

1. Opening (1:1-2)

2. Called to Salvation as Exiles (1:3-2:10)

1. Praise for salvation (1:3-12)

2. The future inheritance as an incentive to holiness (1:13-21)

3. Living as the new people of God (1:22-2:10)

1:13-2:3 is a *Paraenesis*:

παράνεσις - Sections in the NT epistles that list moral virtues and vices, or collections of moral commands to practice specific virtues and avoid specific vices. The Greek word *paraenesis* (pronounced para-NEES-us) means moral instruction or exhortation.