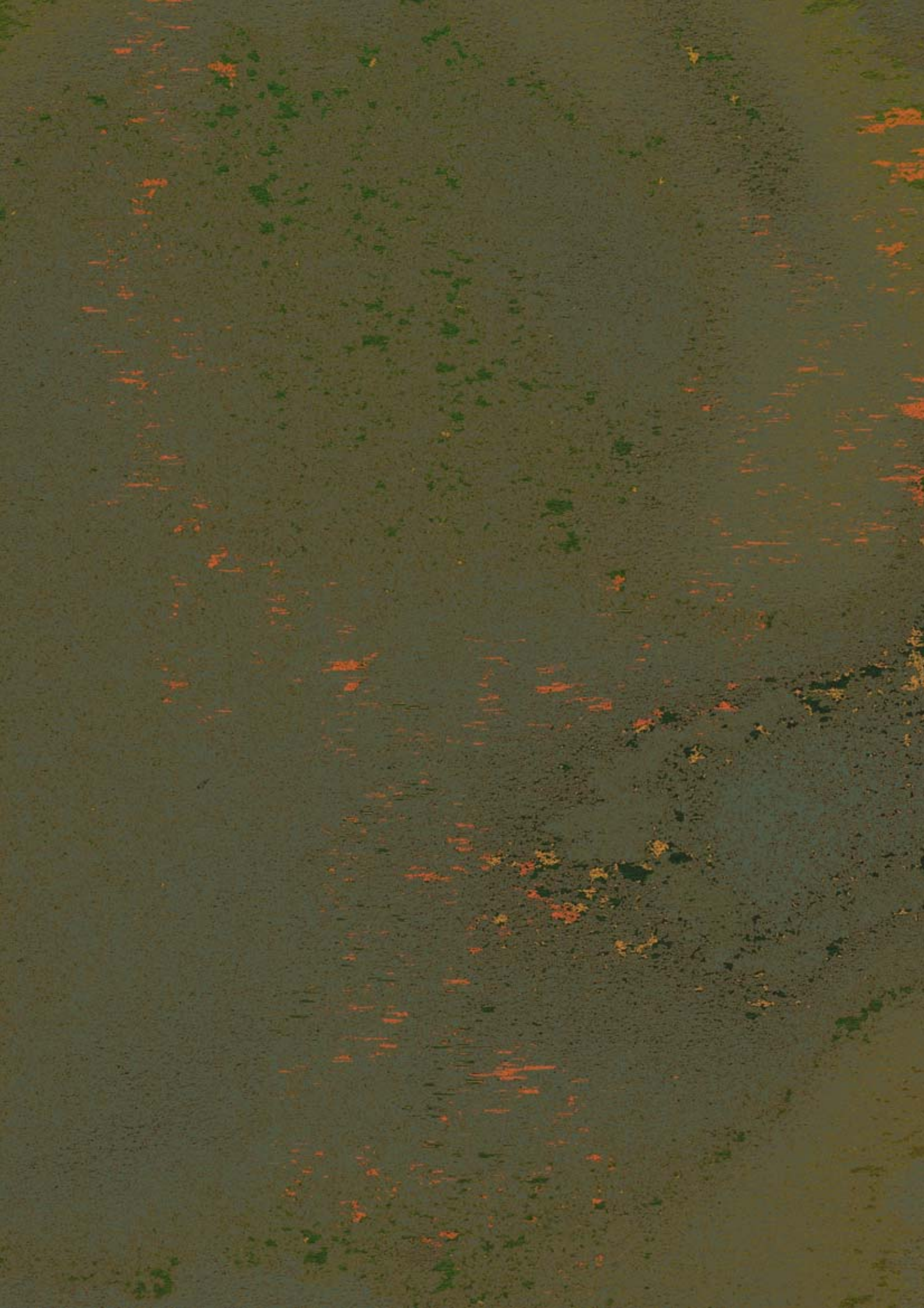


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AND AS IT IS APPOINTED FOR MEN TO DIE ONCE, BUT AFTER THIS THE JUDGEMENT, SO CHRIST WAS OFFERED ONCE TO BEAR THE SINS OF MANY. FOR IT IS NOT POSSIBLE THAT THE BLOOD OF BULLS AND GOATS COULD TAKE AWAY SINS.

THEREFORE, WHEN HE CAME INTO THE WORLD, HE SAID: "SACRIFICE AND OFFERING YOU DID NOT DESIRE, BUT A BODY YOU HAVE PREPARED FOR ME. IN BURNT OFFERINGS AND SACRIFICES FOR SIN YOU HAD NO PLEASURE.

Then I SAID, 'BEHOLD, I HAVE COME—**IN THE VOLUME OF THE BOOK IT IS WRITTEN OF ME—**TO DO YOUR WILL, O GOD."

BY THAT WILL WE HAVE BEEN SANCTIFIED THROUGH THE OFFERING OF THE BODY OF JESUS CHRIST ONCE FOR ALL.



PRISONERS OF GRACE:

PAUL, A PRISONER OF CHRIST JESUS -
GRACE TO YOU AND PEACE FROM GOD
OUR FATHER AND THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

SERVANTS OF THE LORD:

CHRIST JESUS, WHO, BEING IN THE FORM OF
GOD, DID NOT CONSIDER IT ROBBERY TO
BE EQUAL WITH GOD, BUT MADE HIMSELF
OF NO REPUTATION, TAKING THE FORM OF
A BONDSEVANT, AND COMING IN THE
LIKENESS OF MEN. AND BEING FOUND IN
APPEARANCE AS A MAN, HE HUMBLED
HIMSELF AND BECAME OBEDIENT TO THE
POINT OF DEATH, EVEN THE DEATH OF
THE CROSS.

SONS OF GOD:

BUT WHEN THE FULLNESS OF THE TIME
HAD COME, GOD SENT FORTH HIS SON,
BORN OF A WOMAN, BORN UNDER THE
LAW, TO REDEEM THOSE WHO WERE
UNDER THE LAW, THAT WE MIGHT
RECEIVE THE ADOPTION AS SONS.
THEREFORE YOU ARE NO LONGER A SLAVE
[OF SIN] BUT A SON, AND IF A SON, THEN
AN HEIR OF GOD THROUGH CHRIST.



JESUS HIMSELF STOOD IN THE MIDST OF THEM, [THE DISCIPLES, AFTER HIS CRUCIFIXION] AND SAID TO THEM, "PEACE TO YOU." BUT THEY WERE TERRIFIED AND FRIGHTENED, AND SUPPOSED THEY HAD SEEN A SPIRIT. AND HE SAID TO THEM, "WHY ARE YOU TROUBLED? AND WHY DO DOUBTS ARISE IN YOUR HEARTS? BEHOLD MY HANDS AND MY FEET, THAT IT IS I MYSELF. HANDLE ME AND SEE, FOR A SPIRIT DOES NOT HAVE FLESH AND BONES AS YOU SEE I HAVE."

THEN HE SAID TO THEM, "THESE ARE THE WORDS WHICH I SPOKE TO YOU WHILE I WAS STILL WITH YOU, THAT ALL THINGS MUST BE FULFILLED WHICH WERE WRITTEN IN THE LAW OF MOSES AND THE PROPHETS AND THE PSALMS CONCERNING ME."

AND HE OPENED THEIR UNDERSTANDING, THAT THEY MIGHT COMPREHEND THE SCRIPTURES. THEN HE SAID TO THEM, "THUS IT IS WRITTEN, AND THUS IT WAS NECESSARY FOR THE CHRIST TO SUFFER



AND TO RISE FROM THE DEAD THE THIRD DAY, AND THAT REPENTANCE AND REMISSION OF SINS SHOULD BE PREACHED IN HIS NAME TO ALL NATIONS, BEGINNING AT JERUSALEM. AND YOU ARE WITNESSES OF THESE THINGS. BEHOLD, I SEND THE PROMISE OF MY FATHER [THE HOLY SPIRIT] UPON YOU; BUT TARRY IN THE CITY OF JERUSALEM UNTIL YOU ARE ENDUED WITH POWER FROM ON HIGH."

AS IT IS WRITTEN: "THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NO, NOT ONE; THERE IS NONE WHO UNDERSTANDS; THERE IS NONE WHO SEEKS AFTER GOD. THEY HAVE ALL TURNED ASIDE; THEY HAVE TOGETHER BECOME UNPROFITABLE; THERE IS NONE WHO DOES GOOD, NO, NOT ONE. THERE IS NO FEAR OF GOD BEFORE THEIR EYES."

THEREFORE BY THE DEEDS OF THE LAW NO FLESH WILL BE JUSTIFIED IN HIS SIGHT, FOR BY THE LAW IS THE KNOWLEDGE OF SIN.



YET INDEED I ALSO COUNT ALL THINGS
LOSS FOR THE EXCELLENCE OF THE
KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST JESUS MY LORD,
FOR WHOM I HAVE SUFFERED THE LOSS OF
ALL THINGS, AND COUNT THEM AS RUBBISH,
THAT I MAY GAIN CHRIST AND BE FOUND
IN HIM, NOT HAVING MY OWN
RIGHTEOUSNESS, WHICH IS FROM THE LAW,
BUT THAT WHICH IS THROUGH FAITH IN
CHRIST, THE RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH IS
FROM GOD BY FAITH; THAT I MAY KNOW
HIM AND THE POWER OF HIS
RESURRECTION, AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF
HIS SUFFERINGS, BEING CONFORMED TO HIS
DEATH, IF, BY ANY MEANS, I MAY ATTAIN
TO THE RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD.

NOT THAT I HAVE ALREADY ATTAINED,
NOR AM ALREADY PERFECTED; BUT I
PRESS ON, THAT I MAY LAY HOLD OF
THAT FOR WHICH CHRIST JESUS HAS ALSO
LAID HOLD OF ME. BRETHREN, I DO NOT
COUNT MYSELF TO HAVE APPREHENDED;
BUT ONE THING I DO, **FORGETTING THOSE
THINGS WHICH ARE BEHIND AND REACHING**



FORWARD TO THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE
AHEAD, I PRESS TOWARD THE GOAL FOR
THE PRIZE OF THE UPWARD CALL OF GOD
IN CHRIST JESUS. FOR MANY WALK, OF
WHOM I HAVE TOLD YOU OFTEN, AND
NOW TELL YOU EVEN WEEPING, THAT
THEY ARE THE ENEMIES OF THE CROSS OF
CHRIST: WHOSE END IS DESTRUCTION,
WHOSE GOD IS THEIR BELLY, AND WHOSE
GLORY IS IN THEIR SHAME—WHO SET THEIR
MIND ON EARTHLY THINGS.

FOR OUR CITIZENSHIP IS IN HEAVEN,
FROM WHICH WE ALSO EAGERLY WAIT
FOR THE SAVIOUR, THE LORD JESUS CHRIST,
WHO WILL TRANSFORM OUR LOWLY BODY
THAT IT MAY BE CONFORMED TO HIS
GLORIOUS BODY, ACCORDING TO THE
WORKING BY WHICH HE IS ABLE EVEN TO
SUBDUE ALL THINGS TO HIMSELF.



THEREFORE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD,
YOU SCORNFUL MEN, WHO RULE THIS
PEOPLE WHO ARE IN JERUSALEM, BECAUSE
YOU HAVE SAID, "WE HAVE MADE A
COVENANT WITH DEATH, AND WITH SHEOL
WE ARE IN AGREEMENT. WHEN THE
OVERFLOWING SCOURGE PASSES THROUGH,
IT WILL NOT COME TO US, FOR WE HAVE
MADE LIES OUR REFUGE, AND UNDER
FALSEHOOD WE HAVE HIDDEN OURSELVES."

THEREFORE THUS SAYS THE LORD GOD:
"BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A STONE FOR A
FOUNDATION, A TRIED STONE, A PRECIOUS
CORNERSTONE, A SURE FOUNDATION;
WHOEVER BELIEVES WILL NOT ACT
HASTILY.

ALSO I WILL MAKE JUSTICE THE
MEASURING LINE, AND RIGHTEOUSNESS
THE PLUMMET; THE HAIL WILL SWEEP
AWAY THE REFUGE OF LIES, AND THE
WATERS WILL OVERFLOW THE HIDING
PLACE.



YOUR COVENANT WITH DEATH WILL BE ANNULLED, AND YOUR AGREEMENT WITH SHEOL WILL NOT STAND; WHEN THE OVERFLOWING SCOURGE PASSES THROUGH, THEN YOU WILL BE TRAMPLED DOWN BY IT.

AS OFTEN AS IT GOES OUT IT WILL TAKE YOU; FOR MORNING BY MORNING IT WILL PASS OVER, AND BY DAY AND BY NIGHT; IT WILL BE A TERROR JUST TO UNDERSTAND THE REPORT."

NOW THEREFORE, DO NOT BE MOCKERS, LEST YOUR BONDS BE MADE STRONG; FOR I HAVE HEARD FROM THE LORD GOD OF HOSTS, A DESTRUCTION DETERMINED EVEN UPON THE WHOLE EARTH. GIVE EAR AND HEAR MY VOICE, LISTEN AND HEAR MY SPEECH.



FOR he himself [JESUS CHRIST] IS OUR PEACE, WHO HAS MADE BOTH [JEW AND GENTILE] ONE, AND HAS BROKEN DOWN THE MIDDLE WALL OF SEPARATION, HAVING ABOLISHED IN HIS FLESH THE ENMITY, THAT IS, THE LAW OF COMMANDMENTS CONTAINED IN ORDINANCES, SO AS TO CREATE IN HIMSELF ONE NEW MAN FROM THE TWO, THUS MAKING PEACE, AND THAT HE MIGHT RECONCILE THEM BOTH TO GOD IN ONE BODY THROUGH THE CROSS, THEREBY PUTTING TO DEATH THE ENMITY.

NOW, THEREFORE, YOU ARE NO LONGER STRANGERS AND FOREIGNERS, BUT FELLOW CITIZENS WITH THE SAINTS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD, HAVING BEEN BUILT ON THE FOUNDATION OF THE APOSTLES AND PROPHETS, JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF BEING THE CHIEF CORNERSTONE, IN WHOM THE WHOLE BUILDING, BEING JOINED TOGETHER, GROWS INTO A HOLY TEMPLE IN THE LORD, IN WHOM YOU ALSO ARE BEING BUILT TOGETHER FOR A DWELLING PLACE OF GOD IN THE SPIRIT.



THEREFORE, LAYING ASIDE ALL MALICE, ALL DECEIT, HYPOCRISY, ENVY, AND ALL EVIL SPEAKING, AS NEW-BORN BABES, DESIRE THE PURE MILK OF THE WORD, THAT YOU MAY GROW THEREBY, IF INDEED YOU HAVE TASTED THAT THE LORD IS GRACIOUS. COMING TO HIM AS TO A LIVING STONE, REJECTED INDEED BY MEN, BUT CHOSEN BY GOD AND PRECIOUS, YOU 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.

THEREFORE, TO YOU WHO BELIEVE, *he is* PRECIOUS; BUT TO THOSE WHO ARE DISOBEDIENT, "THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED HAS BECOME THE CHIEF CORNERSTONE," AND "A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENCE." BUT YOU WHO ONCE WERE NOT A PEOPLE ARE NOW THE PEOPLE OF GOD, WHO HAD NOT OBTAINED MERCY BUT NOW HAVE OBTAINED MERCY.



AND THE DISCIPLES CAME AND SAID TO HIM, "WHY DO YOU SPEAK TO THEM IN PARABLES?" HE ANSWERED AND SAID TO THEM, "BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO YOU TO KNOW THE MYSTERIES OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN, BUT TO THEM IT HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN. AND IN THEM THE PROPHECY OF ISAIAH IS FULFILLED, WHICH SAYS: 'HEARING YOU WILL HEAR AND SHALL NOT UNDERSTAND, AND SEEING YOU WILL SEE AND NOT PERCEIVE; FOR THE HEARTS OF THIS PEOPLE HAVE GROWN DULL. THEIR EARS ARE HARD OF HEARING, AND THEIR EYES THEY HAVE CLOSED, LEST THEY SHOULD SEE WITH THEIR EYES AND HEAR WITH THEIR EARS, LEST THEY SHOULD UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEARTS AND TURN, SO THAT I SHOULD HEAL THEM:'

BUT BLESSED ARE YOUR EYES FOR THEY SEE, AND YOUR EARS FOR THEY HEAR; FOR ASSUREDLY, I SAY TO YOU THAT MANY PROPHETS AND RIGHTEOUS MEN DESIRED TO SEE WHAT YOU SEE, AND DID NOT SEE IT, AND TO HEAR WHAT YOU HEAR, AND DID NOT HEAR IT.



ALL THESE THINGS JESUS SPOKE TO THE MULTITUDE IN PARABLES; AND WITHOUT A PARABLE HE DID NOT SPEAK TO THEM, THAT IT MIGHT BE FULFILLED WHICH WAS SPOKEN BY THE PROPHET, SAYING: "I WILL OPEN MY MOUTH IN PARABLES; I WILL UTTER THINGS KEPT SECRET FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD." THEN JESUS SENT THE MULTITUDE AWAY AND WENT INTO THE HOUSE. AND HIS DISCIPLES CAME TO HIM, SAYING, "EXPLAIN TO US THE PARABLE OF THE TARES OF THE FIELD."

HE ANSWERED AND SAID TO THEM: "HE WHO SOWS THE GOOD SEED IS THE SON OF MAN. THE FIELD IS THE WORLD, THE GOOD SEEDS ARE THE SONS OF THE KINGDOM, BUT THE TARES ARE THE SONS OF THE WICKED ONE. THE ENEMY WHO SOWED THEM IS THE DEVIL, THE HARVEST IS THE END OF THE AGE, AND THE REAPERS ARE THE ANGELS. THEREFORE AS THE TARES ARE GATHERED AND BURNED IN THE FIRE, SO IT WILL BE AT THE END OF THIS AGE."



The son of man will send out his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and those who practise lawlessness, and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone desires to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"



FOR THE SON OF MAN WILL COME IN THE GLORY OF HIS FATHER WITH HIS ANGELS, AND THEN HE WILL REWARD EACH ACCORDING TO HIS WORKS. ASSUREDLY, I SAY TO YOU, THERE ARE SOME STANDING HERE WHO SHALL NOT TASTE DEATH TILL THEY SEE THE SON OF MAN COMING IN HIS KINGDOM."

NOW AFTER SIX DAYS JESUS TOOK PETER, JAMES, AND JOHN HIS BROTHER, LED THEM UP ON A HIGH MOUNTAIN BY THEMSELVES; AND HE WAS TRANSFIGURED BEFORE THEM. HIS FACE SHONE LIKE THE SUN, AND HIS CLOTHES BECAME AS WHITE AS THE LIGHT. AND BEHOLD, MOSES AND ELIJAH APPEARED TO THEM, TALKING WITH HIM.



Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and his disciples came up to show him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down." Now as he sat on the mount of olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? and what will be the sign of your coming, and of the end of the age?" and Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ'; and will deceive many.

When the son of man comes in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.



AND HE WILL SET THE SHEEP ON HIS RIGHT HAND, BUT THE GOATS ON THE LEFT. THEN THE KING WILL SAY TO THOSE ON HIS RIGHT HAND, 'COME, YOU BLESSED OF MY FATHER, INHERIT THE KINGDOM PREPARED FOR YOU FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD: FOR I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME FOOD; I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME DRINK; I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU TOOK ME IN; I WAS NAKED AND YOU CLOTHED ME; I WAS SICK AND YOU VISITED ME; I WAS IN PRISON AND YOU CAME TO ME.'

THEN THE RIGHTEOUS WILL ANSWER HIM, SAYING, 'LORD, WHEN DID WE SEE YOU HUNGRY AND FEED YOU, OR THIRSTY AND GIVE YOU DRINK? WHEN DID WE SEE YOU A STRANGER AND TAKE YOU IN, OR NAKED AND CLOTHE YOU? OR WHEN DID WE SEE YOU SICK, OR IN PRISON, AND COME TO YOU?' AND THE KING WILL ANSWER AND SAY TO THEM, 'ASSUREDLY, I SAY TO YOU, INASMUCH AS YOU DID IT TO ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE MY BRETHREN, YOU DID IT TO ME.'



Then he will also say to those on the left hand, 'DEPART FROM ME, YOU CURSED, INTO THE EVERLASTING FIRE PREPARED FOR THE DEVIL AND HIS ANGELS: FOR I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME NO FOOD; I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME NO DRINK; I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU DID NOT TAKE ME IN, NAKED AND YOU DID NOT CLOTHE ME, SICK AND IN PRISON AND YOU DID NOT VISIT ME.'

Then they also will answer him, SAYING, 'LORD, WHEN DID WE SEE YOU HUNGRY OR THIRSTY OR A STRANGER OR NAKED OR SICK OR IN PRISON, AND DID NOT MINISTER TO YOU?' THEN HE WILL ANSWER THEM, SAYING, 'ASSUREDLY, I SAY TO YOU, INASMUCH AS YOU DID NOT DO IT TO ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE, YOU DID NOT DO IT TO ME.' AND THESE WILL GO AWAY INTO EVERLASTING PUNISHMENT, BUT THE RIGHTEOUS INTO ETERNAL LIFE."



Then he [Jesus] said, "What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it? It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and put in his garden; and it grew and became a large tree, and the birds of the air nested in its branches." And again he said, "To what shall I liken the kingdom of God? It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened."

Then one said to him, "Lord, are there few who are saved?" And he said to them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the master of the house has risen up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open for us;'



AND HE WILL ANSWER AND SAY TO YOU, I DO NOT KNOW YOU, WHERE YOU ARE FROM; THEN YOU WILL BEGIN TO SAY, 'WE ATE AND DRANK IN YOUR PRESENCE, AND YOU TAUGHT IN OUR STREETS; BUT HE WILL SAY, I TELL YOU I DO NOT KNOW YOU, WHERE YOU ARE FROM.

DEPART FROM ME, ALL YOU WORKERS OF INIQUITY: THERE WILL BE WEEPING AND GNASHING OF TEETH, WHEN YOU SEE ABRAHAM AND ISAAE AND JACOB AND ALL THE PROPHETS IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD, AND YOURSELVES THRUST OUT. THEY WILL COME FROM THE EAST AND THE WEST, FROM THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH, AND SIT DOWN IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD."

IHAVE GIVEN THEM YOUR WORD; AND THE WORLD HAS HATED THEM BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT OF THE WORLD, JUST AS I AM NOT OF THE WORLD.



IDO NOT PRAY THAT YOU SHOULD TAKE THEM OUT OF THE WORLD, BUT THAT YOU SHOULD KEEP THEM FROM THE EVIL ONE. THEY ARE NOT OF THE WORLD, JUST AS I AM NOT OF THE WORLD. SANCTIFY THEM BY YOUR TRUTH. YOUR WORD IS TRUTH.

IDO NOT PRAY FOR THESE ALONE, BUT ALSO FOR THOSE WHO WILL BELIEVE IN ME THROUGH THEIR WORD; THAT THEY ALL MAY BE ONE, AS YOU, FATHER, ARE IN ME, AND I IN YOU; THAT THEY ALSO MAY BE ONE IN US, THAT THE WORLD MAY BELIEVE THAT YOU SENT ME.

FATHER, I DESIRE THAT THEY ALSO WHOM YOU GAVE ME MAY BE WITH ME WHERE I AM, THAT THEY MAY BEHOLD MY GLORY WHICH YOU HAVE GIVEN ME; FOR YOU LOVED ME BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD."



NOW he who SEARCHES THE HEARTS KNOWS WHAT THE MIND OF THE SPIRIT IS, BECAUSE HE MAKES INTERCESSION FOR THE SAINTS ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF GOD. AND WE KNOW THAT ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD TO THOSE WHO LOVE GOD, TO THOSE WHO ARE THE CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE.

FOR whom he FOREKNEW, he ALSO PREDESTINED TO BE CONFORMED TO THE IMAGE OF HIS SON, THAT HE MIGHT BE THE FIRSTBORN AMONG MANY BRETHERN. MOREOVER WHOM HE PREDESTINED, THESE HE ALSO CALLED; WHOM HE CALLED, THESE HE ALSO JUSTIFIED; AND WHOM HE JUSTIFIED, THESE HE ALSO GLORIFIED.

WHAT THEN SHALL WE SAY TO THESE THINGS? IF GOD IS FOR US, WHO CAN BE AGAINST US? HE WHO DID NOT SPARE HIS OWN SON, BUT DELIVERED HIM UP FOR US ALL, HOW SHALL HE NOT WITH HIM ALSO FREELY GIVE US ALL THINGS?



Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: "For your sake we are killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.



FOR NO OTHER FOUNDATION CAN ANYONE LAY THAN THAT WHICH IS LAID, WHICH IS JESUS CHRIST. NOW IF ANYONE BUILDS ON THIS FOUNDATION WITH GOLD, SILVER, PRECIOUS STONES, WOOD, HAY, STRAW, EACH ONE'S WORK WILL BECOME CLEAR; FOR THE DAY WILL DECLARE IT, BECAUSE IT WILL BE REVEALED BY FIRE; AND THE FIRE WILL TEST EACH ONE'S WORK, OF WHAT SORT IT IS.

IF ANYONE'S WORK WHICH HE HAS BUILT ON IT ENDURES, HE WILL RECEIVE A REWARD. IF ANYONE'S WORK IS BURNED, HE WILL SUFFER LOSS; BUT HE HIMSELF WILL BE SAVED, YET SO AS THROUGH FIRE. DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT YOU ARE THE TEMPLE OF GOD AND THAT THE SPIRIT OF GOD DWELLS IN YOU?

IF ANYONE DEFILES THE TEMPLE OF GOD, GOD WILL DESTROY HIM. FOR THE TEMPLE OF GOD IS HOLY, WHICH TEMPLE YOU ARE. LET NO ONE DECEIVE HIMSELF. IF ANYONE AMONG YOU SEEMS TO BE WISE IN THIS AGE, LET HIM BECOME A FOOL THAT HE MAY BECOME WISE.



FOR THE WISDOM OF THIS WORLD IS FOOLISHNESS WITH GOD. FOR IT IS WRITTEN, "HE CATCHES THE WISE IN THEIR OWN CRAFTINESS"; AND AGAIN, "THE LORD KNOWS THE THOUGHTS OF THE WISE, THAT THEY ARE FUTILE." THEREFORE LET NO ONE BOAST IN MEN.

FOR SINCE BY MAN [ADAM] CAME DEATH, BY MAN [JESUS] ALSO CAME THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD. FOR AS IN ADAM ALL DIE, EVEN SO IN CHRIST ALL SHALL BE MADE ALIVE. BUT EACH ONE IN HIS OWN ORDER: CHRIST THE FIRST-FRUITS, AFTERWARD THOSE WHO ARE CHRIST'S AT HIS COMING. THEN COMES THE END, WHEN HE DELIVERS THE KINGDOM TO GOD THE FATHER, WHEN HE PUTS AN END TO ALL RULE AND ALL AUTHORITY AND POWER.

FOR HE MUST REIGN TILL HE HAS PUT ALL ENEMIES UNDER HIS FEET. THE LAST ENEMY THAT WILL BE DESTROYED IS DEATH. FOR "HE HAS PUT ALL THINGS UNDER HIS FEET."



AND THE SCRIPTURE, FORESEEING THAT GOD WOULD JUSTIFY THE GENTILES BY FAITH, PREACHED THE GOSPEL TO ABRAHAM BEFOREHAND, SAYING, "IN YOU ALL THE NATIONS SHALL BE BLESSED." SO THEN THOSE WHO ARE OF FAITH ARE BLESSED WITH BELIEVING ABRAHAM.

FOR AS MANY AS ARE OF THE WORKS OF THE LAW ARE UNDER THE CURSE; FOR IT IS WRITTEN, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO DOES NOT CONTINUE IN ALL THINGS WHICH ARE WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW, TO DO THEM." BUT THAT NO ONE IS JUSTIFIED BY THE LAW IN THE SIGHT OF GOD IS EVIDENT, FOR "THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH." YET THE LAW IS NOT OF FAITH, BUT "THE MAN WHO DOES THEM SHALL LIVE BY THEM."

CHRIST HAS REDEEMED US FROM THE CURSE OF THE LAW, HAVING BECOME A CURSE FOR US (FOR IT IS WRITTEN, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE"), THAT THE BLESSING OF ABRAHAM MIGHT COME UPON THE GENTILES IN CHRIST JESUS, THAT WE MIGHT RECEIVE THE PROMISE OF THE SPIRIT THROUGH FAITH.



NOW TO ABRAHAM AND HIS SEED WERE THE PROMISES MADE. HE DOES NOT SAY, "AND TO SEEDS," AS OF MANY, BUT AS OF ONE, "AND TO YOUR SEED," WHO IS CHRIST. AND THIS I SAY, THAT THE LAW, WHICH WAS FOUR HUNDRED AND THIRTY YEARS LATER, CANNOT ANNUL THE COVENANT THAT WAS CONFIRMED BEFORE BY GOD IN CHRIST, THAT IT SHOULD MAKE THE PROMISE OF NO EFFECT. FOR IF THE INHERITANCE IS OF THE LAW, IT IS NO LONGER OF PROMISE; BUT GOD GAVE IT TO ABRAHAM BY PROMISE.

WHAT PURPOSE THEN DOES THE LAW SERVE? IT WAS ADDED BECAUSE OF TRANSGRESSIONS, TILL THE SEED [CHRIST] SHOULD COME TO WHOM THE PROMISE WAS MADE; AND IT WAS APPOINTED THROUGH ANGELS BY THE HAND OF A MEDIATOR. IS THE LAW THEN AGAINST THE PROMISES OF GOD? CERTAINLY NOT! FOR IF THERE HAD BEEN A LAW GIVEN WHICH COULD HAVE GIVEN LIFE, TRULY RIGHTEOUSNESS WOULD HAVE BEEN BY THE LAW.



BUT THE SCRIPTURE HAS CONFINED ALL UNDER SIN, THAT THE PROMISE BY FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST MIGHT BE GIVEN TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE. BUT BEFORE FAITH CAME, WE WERE KEPT UNDER GUARD BY THE LAW, KEPT FOR THE FAITH WHICH WOULD AFTERWARD BE REVEALED. THEREFORE THE LAW WAS OUR TUTOR TO BRING US TO CHRIST, THAT WE MIGHT BE JUSTIFIED BY FAITH.

FOR THIS REASON I, PAUL, THE PRISONER OF CHRIST JESUS FOR YOU GENTILES—IF INDEED YOU HAVE HEARD OF THE DISPENSATION OF THE GRACE OF GOD WHICH WAS GIVEN TO ME FOR YOU, HOW THAT BY REVELATION HE MADE KNOWN TO ME THE MYSTERY (AS I HAVE BRIEFLY WRITTEN ALREADY, BY WHICH, WHEN YOU READ, YOU MAY UNDERSTAND MY KNOWLEDGE IN THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST), WHICH IN OTHER AGES WAS NOT MADE KNOWN TO THE SONS OF MEN, AS IT HAS NOW BEEN REVEALED BY THE SPIRIT TO HIS HOLY APOSTLES AND PROPHETS:



THAT THE GENTILES SHOULD BE FELLOW
HEIRS, OF THE SAME BODY, AND
PARTAKERS OF HIS PROMISE IN CHRIST
THROUGH THE GOSPEL, OF WHICH I BECAME
A MINISTER ACCORDING TO THE GIFT OF
THE GRACE OF GOD GIVEN TO ME BY THE
EFFECTIVE WORKING OF HIS POWER.

TO ME, WHO AM LESS THAN THE LEAST
OF ALL THE SAINTS, THIS GRACE WAS
GIVEN, THAT I SHOULD PREACH AMONG
THE GENTILES THE UNSEARCHABLE RICHES
OF CHRIST, AND TO MAKE ALL SEE WHAT
IS THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE MYSTERY,
WHICH FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE AGES
HAS BEEN HIDDEN IN GOD WHO CREATED
ALL THINGS THROUGH JESUS CHRIST; TO
THE INTENT THAT NOW THE MANIFOLD
WISDOM OF GOD MIGHT BE MADE KNOWN
BY THE CHURCH TO THE PRINCIPALITIES
AND POWERS IN THE HEAVENLY PLACES,
ACCORDING TO THE ETERNAL PURPOSE
WHICH HE ACCOMPLISHED IN CHRIST JESUS
OUR LORD, IN WHOM WE HAVE BOLDNESS
AND ACCESS WITH CONFIDENCE THROUGH
FAITH IN HIM.



HE HAS DELIVERED US FROM THE POWER OF DARKNESS AND CONVEYED US INTO THE KINGDOM OF THE SON OF HIS LOVE, IN WHOM WE HAVE REDEMPTION THROUGH HIS BLOOD, THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

HE [CHRIST] IS THE IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD, THE FIRSTBORN OVER ALL CREATION. FOR BY HIM ALL THINGS WERE CREATED THAT ARE IN HEAVEN AND THAT ARE ON EARTH, VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE, WHETHER THRONES OR DOMINIONS OR PRINCIPALITIES OR POWERS. ALL THINGS WERE CREATED THROUGH HIM AND FOR HIM. AND HE IS BEFORE ALL THINGS, AND IN HIM ALL THINGS CONSIST.

AND HE IS THE HEAD OF THE BODY, THE CHURCH, WHO IS THE BEGINNING, THE FIRSTBORN FROM THE DEAD, THAT IN ALL THINGS HE MAY HAVE THE PRE-EMINENCE. FOR IT PLEASSED THE FATHER THAT IN HIM ALL THE FULLNESS SHOULD DWELL, AND BY HIM TO RECONCILE ALL THINGS TO HIMSELF, BY HIM, WHETHER THINGS ON EARTH OR THINGS IN HEAVEN, HAVING MADE PEACE THROUGH THE BLOOD OF HIS CROSS.



AND YOU, WHO ONCE WERE ALIENATED
AND ENEMIES IN YOUR MIND BY
WICKED WORKS, YET NOW HE HAS
RECONCILED IN THE BODY OF HIS FLESH
THROUGH DEATH, TO PRESENT YOU HOLY,
AND BLAMELESS, AND ABOVE REPROACH IN
HIS SIGHT—IF INDEED YOU CONTINUE IN THE
FAITH, GROUNDED AND STEADFAST, AND
ARE NOT MOVED AWAY FROM THE HOPE
OF THE GOSPEL WHICH YOU HEARD, WHICH
WAS PREACHED TO EVERY CREATURE
UNDER HEAVEN, OF WHICH I, PAUL, BECAME
A MINISTER.

BEWARE LEST ANYONE CHEAT YOU
THROUGH PHILOSOPHY AND EMPTY
DECEIT, ACCORDING TO THE TRADITION OF
MEN, ACCORDING TO THE BASIC PRINCIPLES
OF THE WORLD, AND NOT ACCORDING TO
CHRIST. FOR IN HIM DWELLS ALL THE
FULLNESS OF THE GODHEAD BODILY; AND
YOU ARE COMPLETE IN HIM, WHO IS THE
HEAD OF ALL PRINCIPALITY AND POWER.



BLESSED BE THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, WHO HAS BLESSED US WITH EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSING IN THE HEAVENLY PLACES IN CHRIST, JUST AS HE CHOSE US IN HIM BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD, THAT WE SHOULD BE HOLY AND WITHOUT BLAME BEFORE HIM IN LOVE, HAVING PREDESTINED US TO ADOPTION AS SONS BY JESUS CHRIST TO HIMSELF, ACCORDING TO THE GOOD PLEASURE OF HIS WILL, TO THE PRAISE OF THE GLORY OF HIS GRACE, BY WHICH HE HAS MADE US ACCEPTED IN THE BELOVED.

IN HIM WE HAVE REDEMPTION THROUGH HIS BLOOD, THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS, ACCORDING TO THE RICHES OF HIS GRACE WHICH HE MADE TO ABOUND TOWARD US IN ALL WISDOM AND PRUDENCE, HAVING MADE KNOWN TO US THE MYSTERY OF HIS WILL, ACCORDING TO HIS GOOD PLEASURE WHICH HE PURPOSED IN HIMSELF, THAT IN THE DISPENSATION OF THE FULLNESS OF THE TIMES HE MIGHT GATHER TOGETHER IN ONE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST, BOTH WHICH ARE IN HEAVEN AND WHICH ARE ON EARTH—in him.



In him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of his glory.

And he put all things under his feet, and gave him to be head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

And you he made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.



BUT GOD, WHO IS RICH IN MERCY, BECAUSE
OF HIS GREAT LOVE WITH WHICH HE
LOVED US, EVEN WHEN WE WERE DEAD IN
TRESPASSES, MADE US ALIVE TOGETHER
WITH CHRIST (BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN
SAVED), AND RAISED US UP TOGETHER,
AND MADE US SIT TOGETHER IN THE
HEAVENLY PLACES IN CHRIST JESUS, THAT
IN THE AGES TO COME HE MIGHT SHOW
THE EXCEEDING RICHES OF HIS GRACE IN HIS
KINDNESS TOWARD US IN CHRIST JESUS. FOR
BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED
THROUGH FAITH, AND THAT NOT OF
YOURSELVES; IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD, NOT
OF WORKS, LEST ANYONE SHOULD BOAST.
FOR THROUGH HIM WE BOTH HAVE ACCESS
BY ONE SPIRIT TO THE FATHER. NOW,
THEREFORE, YOU ARE NO LONGER
STRANGERS AND FOREIGNERS, BUT FELLOW
CITIZENS WITH THE SAINTS AND MEMBERS
OF THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD, HAVING BEEN
BUILT ON THE FOUNDATION OF THE
APOSTLES AND PROPHETS, JESUS CHRIST
HIMSELF BEING THE CHIEF CORNERSTONE, IN
WHOM THE WHOLE BUILDING, BEING JOINED
TOGETHER, GROWS INTO A HOLY TEMPLE
IN THE LORD,



WE THANK GOD WITHOUT CEASING,
BECAUSE WHEN YOU RECEIVED THE
WORD OF GOD WHICH YOU HEARD FROM
US, YOU WELCOMED IT NOT AS THE WORD
OF MEN, BUT AS IT IS IN TRUTH, THE
WORD OF GOD, WHICH ALSO EFFECTIVELY
WORKS IN YOU WHO BELIEVE. FOR YOU,
BRETHREN, BECAME IMITATORS OF THE
CHURCHES OF GOD WHICH ARE IN JUDEA IN
CHRIST JESUS. FOR YOU ALSO SUFFERED THE
SAME THINGS FROM YOUR OWN
COUNTRYMEN, JUST AS THEY DID FROM
THE JUDEANS, WHO KILLED BOTH THE LORD
JESUS AND THEIR OWN PROPHETS, AND
HAVE PERSECUTED US; AND THEY DO NOT
PLEASE GOD AND ARE CONTRARY TO ALL
MEN, FORBIDDING US TO SPEAK TO THE
GENTILES THAT THEY MAY BE SAVED, SO
AS ALWAYS TO FILL UP *THE MEASURE OF*
THEIR SINS; BUT WRATH HAS COME UPON
THEM TO THE UTMOST.

FOR WHAT IS OUR HOPE, OR JOY, OR
CROWN OF REJOICING? IS IT NOT EVEN
YOU IN THE PRESENCE OF OUR LORD JESUS
CHRIST AT HIS COMING? FOR YOU ARE OUR
GLORY AND JOY.



FOR THIS WE SAY TO YOU BY THE WORD
OF THE LORD, THAT WE WHO ARE ALIVE
AND REMAIN UNTIL THE COMING OF THE
LORD WILL BY NO MEANS PRECEDE THOSE
WHO ARE ASLEEP.

FOR THE LORD HIMSELF WILL DESCEND
FROM HEAVEN WITH A SHOUT, WITH THE
VOICE OF AN ARCHANGEL, AND WITH THE
TRUMPET OF GOD. AND THE DEAD IN
CHRIST WILL RISE FIRST. THEN WE WHO
ARE ALIVE AND REMAIN SHALL BE CAUGHT
UP TOGETHER WITH THEM IN THE CLOUDS
TO MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR. AND THUS
WE SHALL ALWAYS BE WITH THE LORD.
THEREFORE COMFORT ONE ANOTHER WITH
THESE WORDS.

BUT CONCERNING THE TIMES AND THE
SEASONS, BRETHREN, YOU HAVE NO
NEED THAT I SHOULD WRITE TO YOU. FOR
YOU YOURSELVES KNOW PERFECTLY THAT
THE DAY OF THE LORD SO COMES AS A
THIEF IN THE NIGHT. FOR WHEN THEY SAY,
"PEACE AND SAFETY!" THEN SUDDEN
DESTRUCTION COMES UPON THEM, AS
LABOUR PAINS UPON A PREGNANT
WOMAN. AND THEY SHALL NOT ESCAPE.



NOW THE SPIRIT EXPRESSLY SAYS THAT
IN LATTER TIMES SOME WILL DEPART
FROM THE FAITH, GIVING HEED TO
DECEIVING SPIRITS AND DOCTRINES OF
DEMONS, SPEAKING LIES IN HYPOCRISY,
HAVING THEIR OWN CONSCIENCE SEARED
WITH A HOT IRON,

IF YOU INSTRUCT THE BRETHREN IN THESE
THINGS, YOU WILL BE A GOOD MINISTER
OF JESUS CHRIST, NOURISHED IN THE WORDS
OF FAITH AND OF THE GOOD DOCTRINE
WHICH YOU HAVE CAREFULLY FOLLOWED.
BUT REJECT PROFANE AND OLD WIVES'
FABLES, AND EXERCISE YOURSELF TOWARD
GODLINESS.

BUT KNOW THIS, THAT IN THE LAST
DAYS PERILOUS TIMES WILL COME: FOR
MEN WILL BE LOVERS OF THEMSELVES,
LOVERS OF MONEY, BOASTERS, PROUD,
BLASPHEMERS, LOVERS OF PLEASURE
RATHER THAN LOVERS OF GOD, ALWAYS
LEARNING AND NEVER ABLE TO COME TO
THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH.



BUT WHEN HE [GOD] AGAIN BRINGS THE FIRSTBORN [CHRIST] INTO THE WORLD, HE SAYS: "LET ALL THE ANGELS OF GOD WORSHIP HIM." AND OF THE ANGELS HE SAYS: "WHO MAKES HIS ANGELS SPIRITS AND HIS MINISTERS A FLAME OF FIRE." BUT TO THE SON HE SAYS: "YOUR THRONE, O GOD, IS FOREVER AND EVER; A SCEPTRE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS IS THE SCEPTRE OF YOUR KINGDOM. YOU HAVE LOVED RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HATED LAWLESSNESS; THEREFORE GOD, YOUR GOD, HAS ANOINTED YOU WITH THE OIL OF GLADNESS MORE THAN YOUR COMPANIONS."

AND: "YOU, LORD, IN THE BEGINNING LAID THE FOUNDATION OF THE EARTH, AND THE HEAVENS ARE THE WORK OF YOUR HANDS. THEY WILL PERISH, BUT YOU REMAIN; AND THEY WILL ALL GROW OLD LIKE A GARMENT; LIKE A CLOAK YOU WILL FOLD THEM UP, AND THEY WILL BE CHANGED. BUT YOU ARE THE SAME, AND YOUR YEARS WILL NOT FAIL."



BEWARE, BRETHREN, LEST THERE BE IN ANY OF YOU AN EVIL HEART OF UNBELIEF IN DEPARTING FROM THE LIVING GOD; BUT EXHORT ONE ANOTHER DAILY, WHILE IT IS CALLED "TODAY," LEST ANY OF YOU BE HARDENED THROUGH THE DECEITFULNESS OF SIN. AND TO WHOM DID HE SWEAR THAT THEY WOULD NOT ENTER HIS REST, BUT TO THOSE WHO DID NOT OBEY? FOR INDEED THE GOSPEL WAS PREACHED TO US AS WELL AS TO THEM; BUT THE WORD WHICH THEY HEARD DID NOT PROFIT THEM, NOT BEING MIXED WITH FAITH IN THOSE WHO HEARD IT. FOR WE WHO HAVE BELIEVED DO ENTER THAT REST.

FOR THE WORD OF GOD IS LIVING AND POWERFUL, AND SHARPER THAN ANY TWO-EDGED SWORD, PIERCING EVEN TO THE DIVISION OF SOUL AND SPIRIT, AND OF JOINTS AND MARROW, AND IS A DISCERNER OF THE THOUGHTS AND INTENTS OF THE HEART. AND THERE IS NO CREATURE HIDDEN FROM HIS SIGHT, **BUT ALL THINGS ARE NAKED AND OPEN TO THE EYES OF HIM TO WHOM WE MUST GIVE ACCOUNT.**



FOR CHRIST HAS NOT ENTERED THE HOLY PLACES MADE WITH HANDS, WHICH ARE COPIES OF THE TRUE, BUT INTO HEAVEN ITSELF, NOW TO APPEAR IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD FOR US; NOT THAT HE SHOULD OFFER HIMSELF OFTEN, AS THE HIGH PRIEST ENTERS THE MOST HOLY PLACE EVERY YEAR WITH BLOOD OF ANOTHER—HE THEN WOULD HAVE HAD TO SUFFER OFTEN SINCE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD; BUT NOW, ONCE AT THE END OF THE AGES, HE HAS APPEARED TO PUT AWAY SIN BY THE SACRIFICE OF HIMSELF. AND AS IT IS APPOINTED FOR MEN TO DIE ONCE, BUT AFTER THIS THE JUDGEMENT, SO CHRIST WAS OFFERED ONCE TO BEAR THE SINS OF MANY.

THEREFORE, WHEN HE CAME INTO THE WORLD, HE SAID: "SACRIFICE AND OFFERING YOU DID NOT DESIRE, BUT A BODY YOU HAVE PREPARED FOR ME. IN BURNT OFFERINGS AND SACRIFICES FOR SIN YOU HAD NO PLEASURE. THEN I SAID, 'BEHOLD, I HAVE COME—IN THE VOLUME OF THE BOOK IT IS WRITTEN OF ME—TO DO YOUR WILL, O GOD.'"



PETER, AN APOSTLE OF JESUS CHRIST, TO
THE PILGRIMS OF THE DISPERSION IN
PONTUS, GALATIA, CAPPADOCIA, ASIA,
AND BITHYNIA, **ELECT ACCORDING TO THE
FOREKNOWLEDGE OF GOD THE FATHER,** IN
SANCTIFICATION OF THE SPIRIT, FOR
OBEDIENCE AND SPRINKLING OF THE BLOOD
OF JESUS CHRIST: GRACE TO YOU AND
PEACE BE MULTIPLIED. BLESSED BE THE GOD
AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
WHO ACCORDING TO HIS ABUNDANT MERCY
HAS BEGOTTEN US AGAIN TO A LIVING
HOPE THROUGH THE RESURRECTION OF
JESUS CHRIST FROM THE DEAD, **TO AN
INHERITANCE INCORRUPTIBLE AND
UNDEFILED AND THAT DOES NOT FADE
AWAY, RESERVED IN HEAVEN FOR YOU,
WHO ARE KEPT BY THE POWER OF GOD
THROUGH FAITH FOR SALVATION READY
TO BE REVEALED IN THE LAST TIME. IN
THIS YOU GREATLY REJOICE, THOUGH NOW
FOR A LITTLE WHILE, IF NEED BE, YOU
HAVE BEEN GRIEVED BY VARIOUS TRIALS,
THAT THE GENUINENESS OF YOUR FAITH,
BEING MUCH MORE PRECIOUS THAN GOLD
THAT PERISHES, THOUGH IT IS TESTED BY
FIRE, MAY BE FOUND TO PRAISE, HONOUR,
AND GLORY AT THE REVELATION OF JESUS
CHRIST,**



AND IF YOU CALL ON THE FATHER, WHO WITHOUT PARTIALITY JUDGES ACCORDING TO EACH ONE'S WORK, CONDUCT YOURSELVES THROUGHOUT THE TIME OF YOUR STAY HERE IN FEAR; KNOWING THAT YOU WERE NOT REDEEMED WITH CORRUPTIBLE THINGS, LIKE SILVER OR GOLD, FROM YOUR AIMLESS CONDUCT RECEIVED BY TRADITION FROM YOUR FATHERS, BUT WITH THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST, AS OF A LAMB WITHOUT BLEMISH AND WITHOUT SPOT.

HE INDEED WAS FOREORDAINED BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD, BUT WAS MANIFEST IN THESE LAST TIMES FOR YOU WHO THROUGH HIM BELIEVE IN GOD, WHO RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD AND GAVE HIM GLORY, SO THAT YOUR FAITH AND HOPE ARE IN GOD. COMING TO HIM AS TO A LIVING STONE, REJECTED INDEED BY MEN, BUT CHOSEN BY GOD AND PRECIOUS, YOU 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.



AND I SAW THRONES, AND THEY SAT ON THEM, AND JUDGEMENT WAS COMMITTED TO THEM. THEN I SAW THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAD BEEN BEHEADED FOR THEIR WITNESS TO JESUS AND FOR THE WORD OF GOD, WHO HAD NOT WORSHIPPED THE BEAST [THE FINAL ANTICHRIST] OR HIS IMAGE, AND HAD NOT RECEIVED HIS MARK ON THEIR FOREHEADS OR ON THEIR HANDS, AND THEY LIVED AND REIGNED WITH CHRIST FOR A THOUSAND YEARS. BUT THE REST OF THE DEAD DID NOT LIVE AGAIN UNTIL THE THOUSAND YEARS WERE FINISHED.

THIS IS THE FIRST RESURRECTION. BLESSED AND HOLY IS HE WHO HAS PART IN THE FIRST RESURRECTION. OVER SUCH THE SECOND DEATH [ETERNAL SPIRITUAL SEPARATION FROM GOD] HAS NO POWER, BUT THEY SHALL BE PRIESTS OF GOD AND OF CHRIST, AND SHALL REIGN WITH HIM A THOUSAND YEARS. THEN I SAW A GREAT WHITE THRONE AND HIM WHO SAT ON IT, FROM WHOSE FACE THE EARTH AND THE HEAVEN FLED AWAY. AND THERE WAS FOUND NO PLACE FOR THEM.



AND I SAW THE DEAD, SMALL AND GREAT, STANDING BEFORE GOD, AND BOOKS WERE OPENED. AND ANOTHER BOOK WAS OPENED, WHICH IS THE BOOK OF LIFE. AND THE DEAD WERE JUDGED ACCORDING TO THEIR WORKS, BY THE THINGS WHICH WERE WRITTEN IN THE BOOKS. THE SEA GAVE UP THE DEAD WHO WERE IN IT, AND DEATH AND HADES DELIVERED UP THE DEAD WHO WERE IN THEM. AND THEY WERE JUDGED, EACH ONE ACCORDING TO HIS WORKS. THEN DEATH AND HADES WERE CAST INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE. THIS IS THE SECOND DEATH. AND ANYONE NOT FOUND WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF LIFE WAS CAST INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE.

NOW I SAW A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH, FOR THE FIRST HEAVEN AND THE FIRST EARTH HAD PASSED AWAY. ALSO THERE WAS NO MORE SEA. THEN I, JOHN, SAW THE HOLY CITY, NEW JERUSALEM, COMING DOWN OUT OF HEAVEN FROM GOD, PREPARED AS A BRIDE ADORNED FOR HER HUSBAND.



AND I HEARD A LOUD VOICE FROM HEAVEN SAYING, "BEHOLD, THE TABERNACLE OF GOD IS WITH MEN, AND HE WILL DWELL WITH THEM, AND THEY SHALL BE HIS PEOPLE. GOD HIMSELF WILL BE WITH THEM AND BE THEIR GOD. AND GOD WILL WIPE AWAY EVERY TEAR FROM THEIR EYES; THERE SHALL BE NO MORE DEATH, NOR SORROW, NOR CRYING. THERE SHALL BE NO MORE PAIN, FOR THE FORMER THINGS HAVE PASSED AWAY."

Then he who SAT ON THE THRONE SAID, "BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW." AND HE SAID TO ME, "WRITE, FOR THESE WORDS ARE TRUE AND FAITHFUL" AND HE SAID TO ME, "IT IS DONE! I AM THE ALPHA AND THE OMEGA, THE BEGINNING AND THE END. I WILL GIVE OF THE FOUNTAIN OF THE WATER OF LIFE FREELY TO HIM WHO THIRSTS. HE WHO OVERCOMES SHALL INHERIT ALL THINGS, AND I WILL BE HIS GOD AND HE SHALL BE MY SON. BUT THE COWARDLY, UNBELIEVING, ABOMINABLE, MURDERERS, SEXUALLY IMMORAL, SORCERERS, IDOLATERS, AND ALL LIARS SHALL HAVE THEIR PART IN THE LAKE WHICH BURNS WITH FIRE AND BRIMSTONE, WHICH IS THE SECOND DEATH."



BUT I SAW NO TEMPLE IN IT, FOR THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY AND THE LAMB ARE ITS TEMPLE. THE CITY HAD NO NEED OF THE SUN OR OF THE MOON TO SHINE IN IT, FOR THE GLORY OF GOD ILLUMINATED IT. THE LAMB IS ITS LIGHT.

AND THE NATIONS OF THOSE WHO ARE SAVED SHALL WALK IN ITS LIGHT, AND THE KINGS OF THE EARTH BRING THEIR GLORY AND HONOUR INTO IT. ITS GATES SHALL NOT BE SHUT AT ALL BY DAY (THERE SHALL BE NO NIGHT THERE). AND THEY SHALL BRING THE GLORY AND THE HONOUR OF THE NATIONS INTO IT. **BUT THERE SHALL BY NO MEANS ENTER IT ANYTHING THAT DEFILES, OR CAUSES AN ABOMINATION OR A LIE, BUT ONLY THOSE WHO ARE WRITTEN IN THE LAMB'S BOOK OF LIFE.**

AND THERE SHALL BE NO MORE CURSE, **BUT** THE THRONE OF GOD AND OF THE LAMB SHALL BE IN IT, AND HIS SERVANTS SHALL SERVE HIM. THEY SHALL SEE HIS FACE, AND HIS NAME SHALL BE ON THEIR FOREHEADS.



AND HE SAID TO ME, "DO NOT SEAL THE WORDS OF THE PROPHECY OF THIS BOOK, FOR THE TIME IS AT HAND. HE WHO IS UNJUST, LET HIM BE UNJUST STILL; HE WHO IS FILTHY, LET HIM BE FILTHY STILL; HE WHO IS RIGHTEOUS, LET HIM BE RIGHTEOUS STILL; HE WHO IS HOLY, LET HIM BE HOLY STILL." "AND BEHOLD, I AM COMING QUICKLY, AND MY REWARD IS WITH ME, TO GIVE TO EVERY ONE ACCORDING TO HIS WORK. I AM THE ALPHA AND THE OMEGA, THE BEGINNING AND THE END, THE FIRST AND THE LAST."

FOR I TESTIFY TO EVERYONE WHO HEARS THE WORDS OF THE PROPHECY OF THIS BOOK: IF ANYONE ADDS TO THESE THINGS, GOD WILL ADD TO HIM THE PLAGUES THAT ARE WRITTEN IN THIS BOOK; AND IF ANYONE TAKES AWAY FROM THE WORDS OF THE BOOK OF THIS PROPHECY, GOD SHALL TAKE AWAY HIS PART FROM THE BOOK OF LIFE, FROM THE HOLY CITY, AND FROM THE THINGS WHICH ARE WRITTEN IN THIS BOOK.

HE WHO TESTIFIES TO THESE THINGS SAYS, "SURELY I AM COMING QUICKLY." AMEN.



WRITTEN IN THE BOOK

