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1 Peter 1:1-19

¹Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ: To those chosen, living as exiles dispersed abroad in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, chosen ²according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient and to be sprinkled with the blood of Jesus Christ. May grace and peace be multiplied to you. ³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.

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1. We are chosen by the Father.
("For God so loved the world")
2. We are drawn by the Spirit.
3. We are saved by the blood of Christ.

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WE HAVE A NEW BIRTH INTO WHAT?

- An Inheritance.
 - That is undefiled.
 - That is unfading.
 - That is kept in heaven.

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⁵You are being guarded by God's power through faith for a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶You rejoice in this, even though now for a short time, if necessary, you suffer grief in various trials ⁷so that the proven character of your faith - more valuable than gold which, though perishable, is refined by fire - may result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

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⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him; though not seeing him now, you believe in him, and you rejoice with inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹because you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls. ¹⁰Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who prophesied about the grace that would come to you, searched and carefully investigated.

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¹¹They inquired into what time or what circumstances the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating when he testified in advance to the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. ¹²It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you. These things have now been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven - angels long to catch a glimpse of these things.

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¹³Therefore, with your minds ready for action, be sober-minded and set your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴As obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires of your former ignorance. ¹⁵But as the one who called you is holy, you also are to be holy in all your conduct; ¹⁶for it is written, Be holy, because I am holy. ¹⁷If you appeal to the Father who judges impartially according to each one's work, you are to conduct yourselves in reverence during your time living as strangers.

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¹⁸For you know that you were redeemed from your empty way of life inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of an unblemished and spotless lamb.

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The image features a stylized landscape. The foreground is a dark red, textured surface composed of a complex wireframe mesh of black lines. Above this, a dark silhouette of rolling hills spans the width of the image. The sky is a solid, warm orange color. A vertical, semi-transparent orange bar is positioned in the center of the sky, extending from the top edge down to the top of the text.

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