

First Peter 1:16-25

1:16 – since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

1360 [e]	1125 [e]	3754 [e]	40 [e]	1510 [e]	3754 [e]	1473 [e]	40 [e]	1510 [e]	
dioti	gegraptai	hoti	Hagioi	esesthe	hoti	egō	hagios	eimi	
16	διότι	γέγραπται	ὅτι	: Ἅγιοι	ἔσεσθε	, ὅτι	ἐγὼ	ἅγιος [εἰμι]	.
	because	it has been written	-	Holy	you shall be	because	I	holy	am
	Conj	V-RIMP-3S	Conj	Adj-NMP	V-FIM-2P	Conj	PPro-N1S	Adj-NMS	V-PIA-1S

1. Leviticus 11:45 – “For I am the Lord who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.”
2. “It is written” was a phrase used by Jesus in Matthew 4:4, 7 and also it was misquoted by Satan in Matt. 4:6.

1:17 – And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile,

2532 [e]	1487 [e]	3962 [e]	1941 [e]	3588 [e]	678 [e]	2919 [e]	2596 [e]	3588 [e]	
Kai	ei	Patera	epikaleisthe	ton	aprosōpolēptōs	krinonta	kata	to	
17	Καὶ	εἰ	Πατέρα	ἐπικαλεῖσθε	τὸν	ἀπροσωπολήμπτως	κρίνοντα	κατὰ	τὸ
	And	if	[as] Father	you call on	the [One]	impartially	judging	according to	the
	Conj	Conj	N-AMS	V-PIM-2P	Art-AMS	Adv	V-PPA-AMS	Prep	Art-ANS

1538 [e]	2041 [e]	1722 [e]	5401 [e]	3588 [e]	3588 [e]	3940 [e]	4771 [e]	5550 [e]	390 [e]
hekastou	ergon	en	phobō	ton	tēs	paroikias	hymōn	chronon	anastrophēte
ἐκάστου	ἔργον	, ἐν	φόβῳ	τὸν	τῆς	παροικίας	ὑμῶν	χρόνον	ἀναστράφητε
of each	work	in	fear	during the	of the	sojourn	of you	time	conduct yourselves
Adj-GMS	N-ANS	Prep	N-DMS	Art-AMS	Art-GFS	N-GFS	PPro-G2P	N-AMS	V-AMP-2P

1. “**Impartially**” literally means “does not receive face” from the Greek *aprosopolaptos* which means “without partiality” and comes from these three parts:
 - a. **a-** means “not”
 - b. **-prosopon-** this word prosopon means “Face, presence, person, countenance”
 - i. “pro-“ by itself means “before”
 - c. **-lambano** – “To take, receive, obtain”
2. Live out your lives here as strangers in fear of the holy one who judges everyone impartially, not in fear of those who will be judged by him

1:18 – knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold,

1492 [e]	3754 [e]	3756 [e]	5349 [e]		694 [e]	2228 [e]	5553 [e]	3084 [e]	1537 [e]	
eidotes	hoti	ou	phthartois	—	argyriō	ē	chrysiō	elytrōthēte	ek	
18	εἰδότες	ὅτι	οὐ φθαρτοῖς	—	ἀργυρίῳ	ἢ	χρυσίῳ	—	ἐλυτρώθητε	ἐκ
	knowing	that	not by perishable things		by silver	or	by gold		you were redeemed	from
	V-RPA-NMP	Conj	Adv		Adj-DNP	Conj	N-DNS		V-AIP-2P	Prep

3588 [e]	3152 [e]	4771 [e]	391 [e]		3970 [e]
tēs	mataias	hymōn	anastrophēs		patroparadotou
τῆς	ματαιίας	ὑμῶν	ἀναστροφῆς		πατροπαραδότου ,
the	futile	of you	manner of life		handed down from [your] fathers
Art-GFS	Adj-GFS	PPro-G2P	N-GFS		Adj-GFS

1. **“Redeemed”** was a familiar practice of purchasing themselves or an enslaved friend or relative out of slavery. People could be redeemed out from being prisoners of war by friends or by their country.
2. **“empty”** means worthless, futile and a hope that is vanity.
 - a. Similar comparison is in: 1 Cor. 3:20; Eph. 4:17; Rom. 1:21 and 8:20; James 1:26

1:19 – but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

235 [e]	5093 [e]		129 [e]	5613 [e]	286 [e]	299 [e]	2532 [e]	784 [e]	5547 [e]
alla	timiō		haimati	hōs	amnou	amōmou	kai	aspilou	Christou
19	ἀλλὰ	τιμίῳ	αἵματι	, ὡς	ἀμνοῦ	ἀμώμου	καὶ	ἀσπίλου	, Χριστοῦ ,
	but	by [the] precious	blood	as	of a lamb	without blemish	and	without spot	of Christ
	Conj	Adj-DNS	N-DNS	Adv	N-GMS	Adj-GMS	Conj	Adj-GMS	N-GMS

1. “precious” means “high value”
2. “without blemish” refers to moral defects
3. The blood of Christ is connected here with ransom, not necessarily with forgiveness.
 - a. This will be stressed by Peter, but not here.
 - b. The focus is redemption or payment.
 - c. Sins are referred to by John in:
 - i. John 1:29 – “The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”
 - ii. John 1:35-37 – “The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.”

1:20 – He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you

4267 [e]	3303 [e]	4253 [e]	2602 [e]	2889 [e]	5319 [e]	1161 [e]	1909 [e]
proegnōsmenou	men	pro	katabolēs	kosmou	phanerōthentos	de	ep’
20 προεγνωσμένου	μὲν	πρὸ	καταβολῆς	κόσμου	, φανερωθέντος	δὲ	ἐπ’
having been foreknown	indeed	before	[the] foundation	of [the] world	having been revealed	however	in
V-RPM/P-GMS	Conj	Prep	N-GFS	N-GMS	V-APP-GMS	Conj	Prep

2078 [e]	3588 [e]	5550 [e]	1223 [e]	4771 [e]
eschatou	tōn	chronōn	di’	hymas
ἔσχάτου	τῶν	χρόνων	δι’	ὑμᾶς
[the] last	-	times	for the sake of	you
Adj-GMS	Art-GMP	N-GMP	Prep	PPro-A2P

1. “foreknown” means it was not an accident that Christ was the price of redemption.
 - a. Christ was chosen in advance.
2. God’s model of “plan-it-then-do-it” is seen in:
 - a. Isaiah 37:26 -
“Have you not heard that I determined it long ago? I planned from days of old what now I bring to pass, that you should make fortified cities crash into heaps of ruins,…”
 - b. Romans 8:28-29 -
“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good,[h] for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.”
3. The New Testament identifies that God was working his plan through the ages until that hidden plan was revealed in Christ and his life:
 - a. Rom. 16:25-26 -
“Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith.”
 - b. 1 Cor. 2:6-10 -
*“Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,
 “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”—
these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.”*
 - c. Titus 1:1-3 -
“Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God’s

elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness, in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began and at the proper time manifested in his word through the preaching with which I have been entrusted by the command of God our Savior.”

4. “Revealed” indicates Christ was preexisted as is also spoken of in:
 - a. First Timothy 3:16 -
*“Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:
He was manifested in the flesh,
vindicated by the Spirit,
seen by angels,
proclaimed among the nations,
believed on in the world,
taken up in glory.”*
 - b. Heb. 9:25-26 -
“Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.”
 - c. 1 John 1:1-3 -
“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.”
 - d. 1 John 3:5 -
“You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.”
5. The New Testament also indicates that this “**revealing**” began the final age or the last days.
6. These final days or this final age will end when the resurrected Jesus is revealed a second time:
 - a. Acts 2:16-21 -
*“But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:
‘And in the last days it shall be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, ...
....And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”*
 - b. Colossians 3:3-4 -
“For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.”
 - c. 1 Peter 5:4
“And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.”

- d. 1 Cor. 10:11 -
“Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come.”
- e. 1 John 3:2-3 -
“Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.”
7. Others had waited in the Old Testament for this age, but we the church now see it and benefit from it

1:21 – who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

3588 [e]	1223 [e]	846 [e]	4103 [e]	1519 [e]	2316 [e]	3588 [e]	1453 [e]	846 [e]	1537 [e]	3498 [e]	2532 [e]	
tous	di'	autou	pistous	eis	Theon	ton	egeiranta	auton	ek	nekrōn	kai	
21	τοὺς	δι'	αὐτοῦ	πιστοῦς	εἰς	Θεὸν	, τὸν	ἐγείραντα	αὐτὸν	ἐκ	νεκρῶν	καὶ
	who	by	Him	believe	in	God	the [one]	having raised up	Him	out from	[the] dead	and
	Art-AMP	Prep	Pro-AMS	Adj-AMP	Prep	N-AMS	Art-AMS	V-APA-AMS	Pro-AMS	Prep	Adj-GMP	Conj

1391 [e]	846 [e]	1325 [e]	5620 [e]	3588 [e]	4102 [e]	4771 [e]	2532 [e]	1680 [e]	1510 [e]	1519 [e]	2316 [e]	
doxan	autō	donta	hōste	tēn	pistin	hymōn	kai	elpida	einai	eis	Theon	
δόξαν	αὐτῷ	δόντα	, ὥστε	τὴν	πίστιν	ὑμῶν	, καὶ	ἐλπίδα	, εἶναι	εἰς	Θεόν	.
glory	Him	having given	so as for	the	faith	of you	and	hope	to be	in	God	
N-AFS	Pro-DM3S	V-APA-AMS	Conj	Art-AFS	N-AFS	Pro-G2P	Conj	N-AFS	V-PNA	Prep	N-AMS	

1. We and the Christians Peter was writing to experience a privileged position since we are now in Christ and waiting for his 2nd revealing.
2. Through Jesus' 1st revealing we believe/trust in God because he raised Jesus from the dead.
3. So, now, Peter's readers can do more than fear God, they can trust the God they fear and put their hope in him.
4. Point of 1:20-21 is:
 - a. Now believers are to live holy lives (1:14-16)
 - b. Now believers are to fear God who is their judge (1:17)
 - c. Because God has redeemed them with Christ's blood (1:18-19)
 - d. Because God has a plan that he has now revealed (1:20).
 - e. So, these believers can trust God through Jesus because of:
 - i. what Jesus said,
 - ii. what Jesus did
 - iii. how God raised Jesus from the dead. (1:21)

1:22 – Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart,

3588 [e]	5590 [e]	4771 [e]	48 [e]	1722 [e]	3588 [e]	5218 [e]	3588 [e]	225 [e]	1519 [e]	5360 [e]	
Tas	psychas	hymōn	hēgnikotes	en	tē	hypakoē	tēs	alētheias	eis	philadelphian	
22	Τὰς	ψυχὰς	ὑμῶν	ἠγνικότες	ἐν	τῇ	ὑπακοῇ	τῆς	ἀληθείας	εἰς	φιλαδελφίαν
	The	souls	of you	having purified	by	-	obedience	to the	truth	unto	brotherly love
	Art-AFP	N-AFP	PPro-G2P	V-RPA-NMP	Prep	Art-DFS	N-DFS	Art-GFS	N-GFS	Prep	N-AFS

505 [e]	1537 [e]	2513 [e]	2588 [e]	240 [e]	25 [e]	1619 [e]
anypokriton	ek	katharas	kardias	allēlous	agapēsate	ektenós
ἀνυπόκριτον	, ἐκ	[καθαράς]	καρδίας	, ἀλλήλους	ἀγαπήσατε	ἐκτενῶς .
sincere	out of	purity	of heart	one another	love	fervently
Adj-AFS	Prep	Adj-GFS	N-GFS	RecPro-AMP	V-AMA-2P	Adv

1. The verbs are in the perfect tense in the Greek which indicate these believers are already in this state of having been purified and having obeyed.
2. Obedience to the truth is believing the Gospel.
3. “Purified yourselves” –
 - a. purification in the Old Testament made the worshipper ready to participate –
 - i. Ex. 19:10-11 -
 “The Lord said to Moses, “Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their garments and be ready for the third day. For on the third day the Lord will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.”
 - ii. Josh. 3:5-6 -
 “Then Joshua said to the people, “Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you.” And Joshua said to the priests, “Take up the ark of the covenant and pass on before the people.” So they took up the ark of the covenant and went before the people.”
 - iii. John 11:55 -
 “Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and many went up from the country to Jerusalem before the Passover to purify themselves.”
 - iv. Acts 21:23-26 -
 “Do therefore what we tell you. We have four men who are under a vow; take these men and purify yourself along with them and pay their expenses, so that they may shave their heads. Thus all will know that there is nothing in what they have been told about you, but that you yourself also live in observance of the law. But as for the Gentiles who have believed, we have sent a letter with our judgment that they should abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality.” Then Paul took the men, and the next day he purified himself along with them and went into the temple, giving notice when the days of purification would be fulfilled and the offering presented for each one of them.”
 - v. Acts 24:18-19 -
 “While I was doing this, they found me purified in the temple, without any crowd or tumult. But some Jews from Asia— they ought to be here before you and to make an accusation, should they have anything against me...” (Before Felix)

4. **This purification** came through **obedience** to the truth which is **the Gospel invitation**:
- 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10 -
“This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering— since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from [b] the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.”
5. This purification was the born-again experience (phase one), but is practiced and developed in life (sanctification process or phase two)
- James 4:8 -
“Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.”
 - 1 John 3:3 -
“And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.”
 - Galatians 5:7-9 -
“You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? This persuasion is not from him who calls you. A little leaven leavens the whole lump.” (legalism, Law, circumcision)
6. “by obeying the truth” means positively responding to the Gospel. “
- “Obedience” (*hypakoe*) 15x in the NT and not clear it is saving faith
 - Peter uses “obedience” (*hypakoe*) in 1:2 and 1:14 to refer to believer’s conduct
 - “Purify” (*hagnizo*) is used figuratively to refer to moral purification after salvation
 - Context HERE is obedience after salvation
 - The readers are doing the purification which sounds more like phase two than phase one.

1:23 – **since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God:**

313 [e]	3756 [e]	1537 [e]	4701 [e]	5349 [e]	235 [e]	862 [e]	1223 [e]	3056 [e]	2198 [e]
anagegennēmenoi	ouk	ek	sporas	phthartēs	alla	aphthartou	dia	logou	zōntos
23 ἀναγεγεννημένοι ,	οὐκ	ἐκ	σπορᾶς	φθαρτῆς ,	ἀλλὰ	ἀφθάρτου ,	διὰ	λόγου	ζῶντος
Having been born again	not	of	seed	perishable	but	of imperishable	by	[the] word	living
V-RPM/P-NMP	Adv	Prep	N-GFS	Adj-GFS	Conj	Adj-GFS	Prep	N-GMS	V-PPA-GMS

2316 [e]	2532 [e]	3306 [e]
Theou	kai	menontos
Θεοῦ ,	καὶ	μένοντος ,
of God	and	abiding
N-GMS	Conj	V-PPA-GMS

1:24 - **for**

“All flesh is like grass

and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers, and the flower falls,

1360 [e]	3956 [e]	4561 [e]	5613 [e]	5528 [e]	2532 [e]	3956 [e]	1391 [e]	846 [e]	5613 [e]	438 [e]
dioti	Pasa	sarx	hōs	chortos	kai	pasa	doxa	autēs	hōs	anthos
24 διότι ,	Πᾶσα	σὰρξ	ὡς	χόρτος ,	καὶ	πᾶσα	δόξα	αὐτῆς	ὡς	ἄνθος
because	All	flesh [is]	like	grass	and	all	[the] glory	of it	like	[the] flower
Conj	Adj-NFS	N-NFS	Adv	N-NMS	Conj	Adj-NFS	N-NFS	PPro-GF3S	Adv	N-NNS

5528 [e]	3583 [e]	3588 [e]	5528 [e]	2532 [e]	3588 [e]	438 [e]	1601 [e]
chortou	exēranthē	ho	chortos	kai	to	anthos	exepesen
χόρτου .	ἐξηράνθη	ὁ	χόρτος ,	καὶ	τὸ	ἄνθος	ἐξέπεσεν ,
of grass	Withers	the	grass	and	the	flower	falls away
N-GMS	V-AIP-3S	Art-NMS	N-NMS	Conj	Art-NNS	N-NNS	V-AIA-3S

1:25 - "but the word of the Lord remains forever."

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

3588 [e]	1161 [e]	4487 [e]	2962 [e]	3306 [e]	1519 [e]	3588 [e]	165 [e]	3778 [e]	1161 [e]	1510 [e]	3588 [e]
to	de	rhēma	Kyriou	meni	eis	ton	aiōna	Touto	de	estin	to
25 τὸ	δὲ	ῥῆμα	Κυρίου	μένει	εἰς	τὸν	αἰῶνα .	Τοῦτο	δέ	ἐστίν	τὸ
-	but	the word	of [the] Lord	abides	to	the	age	This	now	is	the
Art-NNS	Conj	N-NNS	N-GMS	V-PIA-3S	Prep	Art-AMS	N-AMS	DPro-NNS	Conj	V-PIA-3S	Art-NNS

4487 [e]	3588 [e]	2097 [e]	1519 [e]	4771 [e]
rhēma	to	euangelisthen	eis	hymas
ῥῆμα	τὸ	εὐαγγελισθὲν	εἰς	ὑμᾶς .
word	-	having been proclaimed	to	you
N-NNS	Art-NNS	V-APP-NNS	Prep	PPro-A2P

