

Contextual Study of Professor Peter's 1st Letter, which is a part of Jesus' New Covenant.

As in all your studies of the New Covenant, you ought to read the complete TEXT first, so do not forget to do so.

Introduction:

1. Prof. Peter writes his Letter to those in Jesus' Kingdom in congregations in the north and east side of modern-day Turkey. He had worked these 5 named Roman provinces as Dr. Paul had several other Roman provinces. The Holy Spirit had stopped Dr. Paul from working in these provinces and sent him west. Dr. Luke in his contemporary history makes mention of this in his report about the 'acts' of these two Apostles of Jesus? Y/N ____
2. Prof. Peter was recognized by these brethren as Jesus' Apostle. He had, thus, been involved in their being: evangelized, trained, organized, and developed into the likeness of other congregations, such that 'unity' (exactly like Jesus' expected and prayed for) was achieved. He had, obviously, spent much time in these provinces through the years, as Dr. Paul was at work in his assigned areas. Both Apostles were guided and instructed by the Holy Spirit to insure the correct ideas of Jesus' 'unity'? T/F ____
3. In this Text Prof. Peter makes note of the abuses they were subjected to by the locals and Roman leaders. This was not uncommon during these early years of the Kingdom of Jesus' introduction and development anywhere, which Dr. Paul mentions, too? Y/N ____
4. Dr. Luke in his contemporary history of the Kingdom of Jesus, mentions Prof. Peter in his work, as Jesus' Apostle, many times in his work among the Jews around Jerusalem. Also, he was the 1st of them to teach the Gentiles (Cornelius' family and friends). He traveled Judea and into Samaria in the first ten years, or

so, since Jesus began His Kingdom (as prophesied) in Jerusalem in May of AD30. Due to imprisonment in Jerusalem, he traveled to Antioch of Syria, where a mixed congregation was well established by Prof. Barnabas and the Apostle, Dr. Paul. He was caught by Dr. Paul, along with several other Jewish Christians, in 'sin', as they separated themselves from the Gentile Christians. He reformed his way of error by the time of the gathering in Jerusalem of Apostles, prophets, elders, all members of that congregation, and the false teachers that promoted the false idea, which required all Gentiles to follow Moses Law and the men to be circumcised. His short speech in Dr. Luke's report of 'acts' in the 11th Thought, make it clear and certain that he reformed his bigoted view. After this meeting, Prof. Peter is not mentioned again, until Dr. Paul mentions him in his 2nd Letter to the Corinthian congregation in AD56ish (some call it 1st Corinthians). Thus, he likely was assigned the work in the provinces mentioned in this Letter. He seems to have worked in the evangelization, maturing, and developing of this vast region from the middle of AD46ish until and beyond this Letter to them, with a short trip to Corinth about the time Dr. Paul was leaving to work in Asia (from Ephesus), and secured Silas as part of Prof. Peter's team, who was there working with Dr. Paul. This is a brief sketch of Prof. Peter's assignments from the Holy Spirit to ensure that all communities receive correct guidance from Apostles. Prof. Peter was, during this time, capable of teaching and confirming (just as Dr. Paul could) the exact 'unity' Jesus expected of any and all of His Kingdom?

Y/N ____

5. His goal in this Letter, after his last trip through the region with Silas, is to encourage and exhort these fellow Kingdom brethren to not faint in their goals. He admits that they are under great duress, yet he uses: 1) their 'salvation', 2) their 'hope', 3) 'motives' for their lives, and 4) their 'likeness to Jesus' as how they must reason, if they are going to successfully live out their time in Jesus' service in the 'strange land' in which they live? Y/N ____
6. Prof. Peter writes (by Silas-a prophet of Jesus with much experience in planting the Kingdom of Jesus, having worked in Jerusalem and many years

with Dr. Paul), this Letter from Babylon, where he is now headquartered. He is an elder in that congregation, too. He has, without doubt, developed many elders across the region of these 5 Roman provinces, as here he exhorts them, under this abuse, to continue to act and be seen as proper Holy Spirit guided leaders. Their reward will be great, if, they do so. As the brethren need their strength and character? Y/N ____

7. Something of note, also, by way of introduction, is that the distribution of this Letter had to be accomplished by more than a single Letter. It is first seen in the distribution of Dr. Paul's Letters and the massive distribution of the short Letter from the Jerusalem leadership among three provinces, which Dr. Paul had worked for about 8 years (Syria, Cilicia, and Galatia) to ensure that the Spirit's instruction from Jesus' Throne was available for anyone to consult, if no inspired prophet, evangelist or elder was around. Too, any false teacher could be stopped by these New Covenant Letters from assaults upon Jesus' new Way and the 'unity' of the congregations of His Kingdom? T/F ____
8. It is interesting that a couple of early Roman letters between Roman leaders of this area to Rome, point out the christians of the area. Also, how strong they were and why. Prof. Peter very likely by his work among these folks and his Letter, which we are studying, effected their strength and dedication to Jesus and His new Way? T/F ____
9. The idea that Prof. Peter was a stronger Apostle of Jesus than was Dr. Paul is regarded as nonsense and was due to immature brethren that did not understand Jesus' planned position for all Apostles. Dr. Paul clears-up any such notion in at least two different explanations in his inspired Letters?

Y/N ____

10. Prof. Peter, just as Dr. Paul always did, had confirmed many congregation's decision, as to whom was qualified by their service to Jesus, which they had witnessed. Elders (or presbyters, or bishops, or shepherds-one and the same men) had very specific qualifications in Jesus' Kingdom for their service to Him, among their local community (one in each city). Those qualifications were revealed by the Holy Spirit through the inspired leadership to the congregations. If there were men (never women) that were willing to take up this special work, that met the given qualifications from Jesus, the congregation could approve their acceptance of their lead. Then the evangelist would approve the elders chosen by the congregation. Prof. Peter, also, reveals that he too was an elder in Babylon's congregation (likely why he mentions his son, Mark). Since the New Covenant is the only authority on Earth that Jesus recognizes as His authority (Since It was designed in eternity as a part of the "Plan" for His Kingdom.), due to the contemporary historian's delivery of It all in the 1st century AD. This is the only era of writers that were inspired by the Holy Spirit and He has preserved It (the New Covenant), so It can be used for establishing Jesus' Kingdom in any age or culture, until He returns to stop time and take His Kingdom (dead or alive) on to the 'eternal' Kingdom, just as He promised He would. He has both the power and authority to establish such a Plan and has proven that He is the only possible (and unique) method to accomplish this by His death, burial, resurrection and coronation as the King of Kings? T/F ____

11. Many false authorities have come to bear, through the centuries, who say

the New Covenant is not Jesus' ultimate authority for man to follow. Anyone that reads the New Covenant can see this is nonsense and error. It claims it is that only, unique, complete and accurate authority many, many times. To reject It or teach such a thing, rejects Jesus' authority (as He is the author of the New Covenant) and has rejected the Holy Spirit as Its source. By Jesus' own Words, such a position is unforgiveable and receives eternal condemnation. It is impossible to have or maintain Jesus' desire, command and Plan for "Unity" of His Kingdom, if, you think, teach, or are misguided into such a position. Jesus proclaimed in Prof. John's contemporary history in his 14th Thought, "...He who rejects me and does not receive My Sayings has One that judges him: the Message which I have spoken will judge him in the last Day." Jesus came to save, yet when He accomplished all the things required to save us, He, as Planned, He revealed His designed new Way (the New Covenant) and put It in place by inspired leaders, then, He had It entirely written for knowledge and verification of His new Way. The Holy Spirit saw to Its accuracy, and Its completion. He, too, preserved It completely for all those wanting to serve Jesus in His 'unified' Kingdom. It is His only authority, as Prof. Peter will reveal in this Letter? T/F ____

Prof. Peter's 1st Thought

1. This opening 'Thought' has 5 parts to It. They are: 1) who and what the author is, 2) who is his special audience, 3) Who is their Source of honor and direction, 4) the expected actions, and motives of 'Father God' by His

subjects, 5) they can, thus, expect His 'Grace' to be with them in all things, as well as, His kind of 'peace'. These 'chosen' could not be in a better position?

T/F ____

2. The first part is the announcement of the person assigned to write this Letter. He is Peter. Not just any Peter, but more so, the one that they are intimate with in their new world or Way. He is one of the special gifted leaders of all folks desiring and determined to be like Jesus (Jesus in them, as Dr. Paul explained to the Colossae congregation later). "An Apostle" is what he called himself. This name in Greek (This is an English translation of the Greek word.) means: one who is sent out with purpose or reason. He was one of Jesus' original disciples in AD27 that stayed with Jesus continually for almost 4 years. Jesus picked him to be "HIS" Apostle (among 11 others). In the contemporary histories (there are 4) that follow Jesus during those years of preparation for the work assigned His '12' Apostles, we see clearly the lack of 'specialness' of Peter. Now, at the writing of this Letter (roughly 20 years later), we hear a man who has clearly the right to call himself 'an Apostle of Jesus Christ. He is not one who was just 'sent out' by Jesus, but rather an accomplished great example of Jesus' character and a proclaimer (with special abilities given for confirming what he proclaims) of His Good News. It, too, is worthy to note that he says, '...an Apostle...', which confesses he did not see himself as "THE" Apostle of Jesus Christ, rather, only one of this special group of 1st century AD leaders of Jesus' Kingdom . (Dr. Paul was one, but Dr. Luke was a Prophet not an Apostle.0 So, we see this first part identifies who this writer is? Y/N ____

3. They had in their interaction with Peter, observed and heard his Message of Good News about Jesus. He had clearly explained that Jesus is the “CHRIST” (or anointed One sent from Father God to complete His eternal Plan-His desire for many sons and daughter with Him for eternity) to them as he worked city to city with God’s Message. He is and never has been ashamed of his relationship with Jesus the Christ! So, this is from a dedicated, well-known, special individual, who knew and serves Jesus Christ, that had worked with the audience? Y/N ____
4. Prof. Peter is writing to a specific group of people, not just to anyone. It is obvious that this Letter had to be copied and distributed to many congregations of Jesus’ Kingdom, as he is addressing each congregation of the cities (He will later make this clear-he had been in them and ‘appointed’ the chosen elders in each one.) that are scattered over 5 Roman provinces. This is, today, north Turkey and east into Iran (a vast area on foot, but much like the assigned work of Dr. Paul by the Holy Spirit). It had been many years after Prof. Peter leaves Jerusalem (Unreported in the New Covenant, except in Dr. Paul’s 2nd Letter to the Corinthian congregation, four times (AD56ish) and earlier in Dr. Luke’s contemporary history in Antioch of Syria (AD 43-46ish). It is, also, clear that all the Apostles of Jesus Christ that began (with Prof. Peter) Jesus’ Kingdom on Earth in the city of Jerusalem, had long been out of Jerusalem, as Dr.s Paul and Luke indicate in their Writings. It is clear that the Holy Spirit has geographic area for these ‘Apostles’ to achieve Jesus’ eternal Plan. Only a very few are actually followed by the inspired histories, but just by what is said in print is enough to see that point is for them all.

Prof. Peter, thus, had this area assigned to him, once, he had matured enough to not just work in the Jewish population around Jerusalem. He is addressing this Letter to that group that accepted His witness of Jesus' Good News across the vast area? Y/N ____

5. He names the specific people he is addressing this Letter, too. They are both 'chosen' and 'exiles'. He will in the Letter explain each thought about them. They are (and have remained for a while) 'chosen', because they made the decision to subject their lives to the Savior of the living God, Jesus. And Jesus 'chose' them, as He came, lived, died, resurrected, ascended, and rules as the ultimate God in the heavens Throne with the Father's approval, which each one of them confidently believe and subject themselves. This is the clear definition of being 'chosen' (those born again by God's Plan)? Y/N ____
6. 'Exiles' is also discussed in this Letter to them. They understand that they are not citizens of this world anymore. Their new life in Jesus' new Way required each of them to die to this world and its cunning ways. Jesus allows and expects by His Plan for His citizens (in His Kingdom), while they are upon the Earth, no matter their geographical location or era to think and act as He would. He (through Prof. Peter) has explained, exemplified, trained, and confirmed as Truth, that, they are now only citizens of His eternal Kingdom and presently exiled to Earth. That will change at death or if they are alive at His return. Both are events coming to each soul! The Good News is that these 'chosen', thus, are confident that they are only 'exiles' at this time. There has to be confidence in Prof. Peter, that they completely understand, due to his teaching efforts among them in the past. He knows they 'get it'

(You will observe in the study of this Letter, that they understand and agree to being called 'exiles'? Y/N ____

7. These 'chosen' and 'exiled' are scattered throughout the 5 provinces, where he has been working for Jesus' Cause. We do not know of any specific congregations there, that Prof. Peter started, but it is of no consequence, as he had the same kind of work Dr. Paul had. Once Prof. Peter was able to establish congregations of the kind of unity Jesus commanded, he was to work, as described in the New Covenant, in developing congregations just as Dr. Paul did. This, by the Holy Spirit's guide, would ensure 'unity' exactly as Jesus had designed in His Plan for His Kingdom. 'Dispersion' is just another word for 'scattered'. The little we know about the congregations in these provinces from Roman history, do indicate that they were dedicated and understood His new Way? Y/N ____
8. He declares these names and brethren are in accord with God's purpose and eternal Plan! He calls Him "Father" God, indicating the personal and intimate relationship He has with His children, them? T/F ____
9. He reveals three areas of God's divine purpose. They all make up what God planned, revealed, and expects of Jesus' Kingdom citizens. They are: 1) that each soul will strive for holiness of their own spirit to be holy as He is. They do so by reforms of their old life to Jesus' likeness, 2) their obedience to those Jesus-like reforms are not mysterious or vague, but rather, reforms of character, actions, thinking, and motives, which are all revealed by God's Word, 3) sprinkling of Jesus' Blood, unlike the blood of bulls and goats of Moses Law, is genuine, guaranteed, and eternal. All in Christ in their

dedicated above activity, are never without His blood as their assurance of God's power to cover them in anything. That Blood was 'once' sacrificed for all mankind (alive or dead), and it purifies their reasoned service, even with errors. Reform is a covenant to God and a constant sprinkling of Jesus' Blood upon those that are in His Kingdom is God's promise? Y/N ____

10. This expression by Prof. Peter is to say that he hopes that the Grace of God is deeply understood to be working with each and all of them, if the above is their way of living and reasoning. Inherent to that, of course, is that he and the Spirit (We need not forget that Prof. Peter had, as an Apostle of Jesus, already experienced the 'laying on of his hands' to pass on certain supernatural abilities to several people, that are reported about in Dr. Luke's contemporary history of the Holy Spirit's acts. Prof. Peter had, obviously, done the same among these brethren, as Dr. Paul did in his territory.) had taught and confirmed to them, these correct things. His hope is expressed in the 'optative mood' of the Greek verb-increased/multiplied in the Aorist tense. Simply stated, Prof. Peter is hopeful that their present spiritual status in the duress, is strong enough for them to keep in mind that Grace from God is working with them in it, and that their peace with God will continue to be strong, as it will sustain them in all perils. This exclamation of hope is to relate to their needed strength and soundness for what is upon them emotionally. Their intellect must be stronger than their emotions? Y/N ____

Prof. Peter's 2nd Thought

1. "Extolling God" has to be their most important activity! He is in fact the highest and most supreme being of any entity in existence. They have been introduced to HIM and experienced both His majesty and His Plan for His creation. They ought to not have to be reminded to maintain Him as the ultimate reason for all they think, do, and say. The greatest praise of all and each of them has to be to HIM? T/F ____
2. Prof. Peter declares, also, that God is "the" God and "the" Father of us (which includes them), indicating that there are not two or many, but only 'One'? Y/N ____
3. The use of "Father" as 'the' only One, expresses His love, care, concern, kindness, and His wisdom in all He ask of His children. This, they need to keep in mind in their trials and glory. He knows what is best for them and others, which they must remember. He is not possibly wrong, ever? Y/N ____
4. Jesus, prior to becoming 'flesh', was equal to God and called 'the Word', as Prof. John declares several times in his contemporary history of Jesus, where he declares and proves that Jesus became 'flesh' for Their purposes. He, as// Jesus, was subjected to God, as His Son. Thus, God is His Father, too? Y/N ____
5. Prof. Peter also declares, as a reminder for them, that Jesus is also 'our' Lord. There are many that 'lord' over us, but Jesus is the Lord of all lords in the lives of those that are in His Kingdom. Whatever He says or has revealed by example, are to be reforms that we accept and do. His only perfect Standard that gives His Standard is His New Covenant. Man might have many standards we have subjected ourselves to do, but now we are to reform all of

them to His new Way. This system of 'the Faith' is the only and complete new way of living for us all, under His "Lordship"? Y/N ____

6. He also declares to them that Jesus is the only 'Christ'. This means He is the only Anointed One from the living God. He is the Messiah (another Jewish word for Christ). Through the centuries, God revealed much about the Messiah through His Jewish Prophets. He had them write their prophecies for the Jews (and Gentiles) over about fifteen hundred years, revealing much about the coming Messiah. There are roughly four hundred prophecies over those years. Thus, the Jews were continually expecting Him to come. They developed many false ideas about this Messiah, which Jesus corrected for them when He arrived. (Confirming them by His ability to perform supernatural actions without failure, instantly, and as He desired to do.) He fulfilled all of them, which the Messiah would have had to do. The moments before He was murdered on the cross outside of Jerusalem, He shouted, "IT IS DONE!", which meant that He had fulfilled them all up to that event. He fulfilled a few others, including the prophesied 'Resurrection from the dead', after His murder. He certainly earned the name-CHRIST? T/F ____
7. The God and Father of Jesus, Whom, they all ought to continual to 'extol' because of His unexplainable, undeserved, and unlimited "Mercy"! He expresses It in His Plan for His creation. The Plan designed from eternity, before anything was begun to be created, was done by the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit, as they are the only 'eternal being. The fullness of His Mercy is revealed in It. All of us in our lives are mired in disrespect, neglect, rejection and self. These are all sins, which are against Him and deserve

death as our penalty for living in them. So, while we are living in these despicable lives, His Mercy established a method to have them all forgiven and forgotten. Too, He had in His 'Plan' the only sacrifice that could be offered to allow reconciliation with Him-Jesus. As the only perfect sacrifice (completely subjected to God and His perfect being with no failures, errors, or neglects of God's perfect Being. And Jesus did them all while He was 'flesh'!), Jesus took our sins, literally, upon Himself, but His perfection allowed God to 'resurrect' Him. Jesus had done no sins, thus, He could not be

kept dead. God had to resurrect Him, because of that fact! His sacrifice for our sins, allows any and every person, then, to receive reconciliation from God for their sins. This is the living God's best of Mercy actions? T/F ____

8. Prof. Peter described that reconciliation as, "...has begotten us (all) again...". God's Mercy, through His eternal Plan, designed a method of allowing us, if we agree to His New Covenant, to receive reconciliation with Him? Y/N ____

9. This Plan is not just a wishful hope, but rather, it is a 'Living' Hope! Complete with His promise of It, we are made aware of the eternal reward for our submission, subjection, and dedication to His new Way. We, as Prof. Peter says, are "re-born" to this Hope? Y/N ____

10. He emphasizes here, that this rebirth is only due to the One Who was 'resurrected' out of the grip of death-Jesus, our, now, Lord and Christ. Without Jesus fulfilling correctly all the prophecies, or perfectly declaring God, while in the 'flesh', and allowing Himself to be murdered by ruthless men, we could not receive such wonderful Mercy. Jesus' resurrection from death proves, positively, that He was and is Who He claims to be and all He

said about His Kingdom and citizens, then, also, is accurate? Y/N ____

11. He ends this wonderful declaration about why all ought to 'Extol' God for providing this Plan of Hope, beyond any expectation or any deserving it in all of mankind, with three areas that are secure, concerning this living Hope: 1) Because it is a promise from the living God, this hope can never, ever change. It cannot perish!, 2) Not only that, It will never have or develop any blemish in It, It will stay forever, 3) This eternal designed Plan for us, is eternal! It will be our inheritance eternally because it is promised by the living God! This is all secured by our Father and Jesus for us, that are in accord with His Plan?

Y/N ____

12. Prof. Peter adds, in ending, that this 'living Hope' is presently 'reserved' for each of them by their God and Father, and by Jesus': known, reported, and certain "Resurrection"! They in hope are still hungry, confident, and sure of this reserved reward for their service to their Lord and Christ-Jesus? Y/N ____

13. The idea of slacking or lacking in confidence, thus, was absolutely nonsense. He began this Letter to the many congregations of those five provinces with an 'opening' of the facts in which they had made their decision to be disciples (genuine) of Jesus and reform to His new Way. As far as we know, they had received only 'oral' presentations by Prof. Peter and his team (if he had a team) from the Holy Spirit's direction and accuracy. They, too, had witnessed Prof. Peter's confirming supernatural actions. To reasonable men and women, these all created in each of them the kind of faith that can sustain a christian in any circumstance! This is what this 'opening' was structured to exhort in each of them? Y/N ____

14. He continues the exhortation, as he declares what they already understand is true: all of them are, "...protected by God's Power..."! There is no greater or equal 'power' in all the universe and heaven. And they have It protecting them, as they head into a difficult time (likely that they were already in duress). Men make ugly decisions again each other, but God knows this and how to use it for His glory, honor, and praise? Y/N ____
15. God's Power for certain will effect their 'salvation', if their 'faith' does not falter in this time of distress. This is, of course, the reward God has promised each of His children. Their 'salvation' means (and they already know it) that they will be saved, not from death or abuse but saved, no matter the ugliness of man. They will pass on to His eternal reward, which is eternity with Him in the coming eternal Kingdom. This is what Prof. Peter is saying, when he says, "...unto salvation!". He is referring to the next eternal Kingdom with God, and not their initial submission to Jesus (through their covenant with God to reform to His new Way and allowing themselves to be immersed in Jesus' Name). These brethren have all already complied with that initial requirement for entry into Jesus' Kingdom, and here (later) are now receiving from neighbors and government abuses because they reject God's calling for salvation. These brethren know that their 'salvation' depends upon they sustaining their faith in He and His new Way, as well as, continuing to stay in His protection? Y/N ____
16. They are confident that God, when He stops time and ends the universe, will fulfill His Promise to all Christians-eternal life with Him! Prof. Peter is presenting a concise, clear, orderly confirmation and reminder to them of

this vital reason to 'Extol' their living God-their salvation? Y/N ____

17. He, here, concludes that, thus, there ought to be absolutely no intelligent reason for them to not continually be 'rejoicing', no matter what is coming upon them! Y/N ____
18. He, then, makes them aware that he is aware of the 'trails' in which they are presently involved. Across the five provinces, they were at various levels of abuse, including some murders (as some historians show). The word 'various' indicates that there were different abuses being experienced ? Y/N ____
19. Trails come at all kinds of levels with varying degrees of abuse. Yet, they come from the same source-evil and erring leadership. Here, Prof. Peter compares the purifying of gold to the source of their faith. This is not their personal 'faith' in God and Jesus, but more so, their holding to Jesus new Way or as stated here by Prof. Peter: 'the Faith'. He is saying that as gold is purified by fire, they are much, more purer, by their submission and dedication to 'the Faith' or Jesus' new Way. They are in Jesus' Kingdom and His new Way guides all their lives, as they reform their minds and lives to Jesus' likeness, and not by man's ways or their own ways. They ought not even consider not acting in 'the Faith', as It will be tested by the present and increasing abuses. If, they remain in 'the Faith', they will be bringing praise, glory, and honor to God, which will be noted at the "disclosure of Jesus Christ"! So, whatever the present distress causes them to suffer, in the 'disclosure', they will be vindicated by their present action, which must be in accord with 'the Faith'. He is reminding them that 'God's Way is not man's

way, and their complying to 'the Faith' in every way, could result in conversions by their dedication, and thus, glory to Jesus? T/F ____

20. Prof. Peter, now, reminds them that he is aware of three incredible marks of their faith: 1) they all love Jesus with an obedient dedication because of His remarkable purpose, even though they never saw Him, when He was on Earth, 2) they have faith in Jesus, Who, they know is returning, and are convinced they will then see Him, 3) they rejoice greatly because they will be filled with glory, when He does return, due to their maintaining 'the Faith' He expects of them in their lives, which is the goal of their new actions- their 'salvation'? T/F ____
21. He is, here, going to discuss as evidence of many before them, that there are many very important men and women who knew important things about Jesus and His coming, dying, resurrection, ascension to His coronation as the KING of all kings, but not the specifics. God never revealed them to these that were expecting Jesus' coming and purpose. In the discussion about all these things that they would have liked to know, it is clear, that they never saw Jesus alive. Prof. Peter, though, does say that they, each and all, had Jesus' Spirit (the Holy Spirit) working in them to provide 'true', accurate prophecies from the Throne of God to them for the people to have, so that, they might, too, be confidently expecting the arrival of the Messiah! These prophets, though, on the other side of Jesus' arrival and work on Earth, were unable to see Him either. They, never the less, were solidly sure of God's Promise-He was coming! This, is a great example to these brethren under duress (The prophets of old suffered horrible things, but never faltered.)?

T/F ____

22. The thing, he says to those brethren that are receiving this Letter, that is of greatest significance to them, is that 'the Grace' of God in His heart and Plan, had prepared a "Plan of Salvation" for all men! They sought to discern all the W's: what, where, when, why, who, whatever and how. He comforted them with the understanding (like Daniel) that all these were also for future folk -including these brethren. God's Grace designed the incredible Plan, no man could produce, nor have the power to bring It to fruition. He does and will, as promised? T/F ____

23. He closes this idea of others that never saw Jesus or His Kingdom with the idea that those (including himself) of their day (1st century AD) are God's continuation of 'the Plan'. They are assigned to evangelize the Good New of Jesus and His Kingdom (His new Way/ 'the Faith') to them. The Holy Spirit, as in the Prophets of old, was in these Prophets of the 'new Way', which includes: understanding Jesus clearly, completely, correctly and His Kingdom, as He designed It to be (while in eternity) before any creating began. He is Its only, unique, and complete Leader and perfect example to emulate (they must reform their lives, minds, and motives to be and act as He does), as they desire deeply to please Him in their daily life in good times and bad? Y/N ____

24. Wow! Prof. Peter has a final thought that includes all the 'angels' (good and irreverent). They, he says here by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, had understood all the old prophecies concerning Jesus and His Kingdom, but not clearly. They, too, were in the dark about the exact time and purpose of the

need of such a Plan for the creation. Dr. Paul in his 2nd Letter to the Corinthian (some call It 1st Corinthians) congregation of Jesus' Kingdom (in his 'third Thought-3rd paragraph) mentions, "But more so, we speak God's wisdom in a 'Mystery', which has been kept secret [since before any creating began], and which God predetermine before the ages to our glory [This Mystery was not revealed unto mankind or angels until after Jesus' death, burial, and His resurrection. And then only through His revelations through His inspired Prophets (which only included His inspired Apostles, Prophets, Evangelist, and Elders-Teachers.), which "none" of this world's rulers understood, for if they had understood, they would not have crucified the glorious Lord!". God's Plan for Jesus' purpose had to be kept a Mystery until all was accomplished so demonic rulers could not stop the Plan (they could have allowed Jesus to die of old age instead of the cross and the necessary sacrifice would have been stopped.) Thus, since God knew they would never figure out the Plan, He kept it a Mystery until after the event was done?

Y/N ____

Prof. Peter's 3rd Thought

1. So, with Prof. Peter's exhortation finished, in which he reminds them that "Extoling" our God and Father, due to all He has done and provided (A living Hope, His promise of our 'Salvation', and Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection for our understanding), that Jesus is the only One that has proven that God's Power is the only reality that we can depend upon; he begins giving some

advice about how they ought to react to whatever is coming. Mental toughness and consciences, should be preparing for the trouble. Staying alert, rather than slackness in their conviction, also, should be evident in each of them. The third mentioned necessity is their foundation. They “must” (He is saying that this conscience condition is absolutely essential to maintain.) have complete confidence in the ‘living’ Hope that Grace (God’s characteristic that is actively working among them all the time for their eternal reward.) will, no matter the results of man’s abuses, reward each of you at the ‘Disclosure of Jesus Christ’! Thus, God will use these in His Kingdom for service to a lost world, as He determines, even their death, because of souls. He always knows best. Yet, this ought to be of no consequence to them, due to their confidence in Jesus’ return for them, which they have. They, then, will join Him for eternity? T/F ____

2. He, here, refers to them as ‘obedient children’ (of God), sensing that they understand. Yet, they and the temptation to revert to decisions to save them from the abuses ahead, which is man’s way, would be folly. He raises the scale, saying, “...but much more...”, they ‘must’ be under control, because He Who called them into this new Way, is the unique ‘Holy One’? Y/N ____
3. As God is ‘holy’, he uses extra emphasis, saying, “... you, yourselves...”, which is a Greek ‘voice’ that English does not have. They use it to reflect doing something yourself or for yourself. It is saying that each of them must take it upon themselves to be holy as God is ‘Holy’. Not only, ‘because’ He is Holy, but in His likeness and in accord with His ‘Wisdom’, they each one ‘must’, also, maintain their own holiness (in His likeness-Jesus). He closes this

exhortation with a quote from Lv.19:2, showing, that God has always (even during the Moses Law times) expected His children to do so? T/F ____

4. This last thought of encouragement was a look into the future God promises for those that live holy in the manner that God is Holy. They have, in the revealing of 'the Faith' by the Holy Spirit's evangelist (including Prof. Peter), complete their understanding of Jesus' expectations. Now, he challenges them in respect to their genuine obedience to their living God. He says that 'if' (which could be 'since', but not likely) they, "...call God Father..." and understand that He judges their faith impartially but accurately (each individual is responsible to Him for their compliance to His New Covenant), then, in genuine 'reverence' they all ought to live their new Way life. Jesus is 'in them' (reflecting Him and emulating Him as each one's only example, as He has revealed), thus, they know how to live their lives, no matter the abuses attempting to affect them and their relationship to God? Y/N ____
5. He continues the idea that they all are aware that their time on Earth is actually, just sojourning until their eternal home with God begins. This has been made clear and understood by them (remember the Roman historian leaders that discussed the dedication of the christians in these provinces when taken to their deaths?). Prof. Peter is saying that, since they 'know' this ('know', here means: are certain of the facts), their attitude has to be that they are just passing through on their way home? Y/N ____
6. As they were in the past: hearing, deciding, and witnessing the confirming supernatural miracles God allowed, their grief for their lives lived against God in sin, were, then, forgiven by Him, as He added them to Jesus' Kingdom.

This moment of redemption was not due to things that will perish, as the things stressed and taught by their forefather, which were (and are still) worthless. But more so, they were 'redeemed' because of the sacrifice of the precious blood of Christ, in accord with the eternal "Plan" of God! Blood sacrifices that God demanded in the past were by unblemished and spotless lambs, (which annually moved their sins down another year until the Messiah-Jesus- arrived), and Jesus', once for all times, sacrifice was exactly like that, but His was the sacrifice in reality for all (And confirmed by God to be the only acceptable sacrifice for the sins of mankind by Jesus' "Resurrection"!)? T/F ____

7. He declares that it is nonsense to have doubts about Jesus! Jesus is confirmed by countless supernatural events and documentations of witnesses by the thousands. Also, He reveals an unparalleled "Plan" for all creation none can match, nor have ever conceived. Besides all these, He proved by His sacrifice for all of us and His resurrection from the dead (which many witnessed and He explains), that He has the power to guarantee all the 'Promises' He made, while with man on Earth. There is no one that had or does or will ever 'live' that can design and prove he is more worthy of being called Messiah (Christ) than Jesus! His new Way (found in His New Covenant) is His 'Plan' for man to have their coming eternity with Him? T/F ____
8. Not only do these designed events confirm Him, there is, also, the confirmed evidence that He is "Eternal" (as is the Father and the Holy Spirit)! Before the beginning of any creating, He (before becoming 'flesh and blood', Jesus was the eternal Being named 'the Word', and like the other two eternal Beings,

He had never 'not' been in existence) was part of the Godhead that designed and implemented the incredible and wonderful "PLAN"? Y/N ____

9. They interacted with Their creation, then, throughout time (which They designed and had the power to begin), until the 'Word' (Jesus) took on 'flesh', so as, to live among mankind and the world, until He (as pre-designed) became their necessary perfect sacrifice to appease God's wrath for the many sins against Him (from the beginning of the creation of man, all people will sin against God because they choose to do so). He, then, was 'resurrected' because death is because of sin, and Jesus never (in life) committed any! He was perfect in His life here (Thus, Jesus had to be 'resurrected'! Death had no authority to hold Him). He, amazingly, declared exactly what God would be like in "flesh", by His daily life among us! WOW! 'This' is the JESUS that they have for their Savior and Christ to encourage them in tough situations and exhort them, as their example, to be steadfast in their convictions and their 'new Way' of living? T/F ____
10. He did all this, which the Godhead has constantly confirmed, for Their creation-mankind, and its eternal reward for their worship and service, while here. Also, he remarks that, "...in [the] "'last" of the times'...", has already begun. Mankind is about to exist no more. The next phase of God's Plan is for the 'eternal', which has no time, nor need for it! From the beginning of Jesus' Kingdom on Earth (Dr. Luke in his 2nd contemporary history reveals that event's arrival and date-May 28,30AD. It is interesting that no other contemporary historian has been preserved by the Holy Spirit, that describes this most important 'event' in detail. One must utilize the inspired New

Covenant of Jesus to confirm the beginning of His Kingdom on Earth! As important as this marvelous event is, this is the only place in history that God decided to reveal Its beginning.), begun in Jerusalem, as prophesied, on Pentecost, May 28th, AD30, among 100s of 1000s of devoted Jews (there for the Feast that God had required them to attend annually in Moses Law). Thus, began the, "...in [the] 'last of "the" times'. There would be no need for God to have other 'times' or divisions of man's existence, because Jesus had completed all of the divisions of the 'eternal Plan' of God. He had: come as prophesied for centuries and fulfilled all of them, lived sinlessly here, which declares He was equal to God, died by murder of evil men, was buried, was resurrected, which was witnessed by many witnesses for forty days, ascended to Heaven to begin His reign of 'all' things, which, too, was witnessed by many, coronated in front of all the angelic beings to the "right hand side of God", indicating His return to His Godhood and authority, but as, for now, the new ultimate authority, until He turns this authority back to God at the end of man's time. That will be when all spirit's become immortal, new beings for eternity (Dr. Paul in his 2nd Letter, in the 8th Thought, details these final events of Jesus' 'Judgement' (by His New Covenant as the undeniable source of honest judgement-revealed in Prof. John's contemporary history about Jesus in the 8th Thought), done prior to returning all authority to God (He is still part of the Godhood, but, as He had been given authority for His reign as King of all kings, He, 'now', resigns His Throne to the Father). When this event, which, too, was all 'pre-planned' in Eternity, before any creating began, this started, "... the times...", which will

be stopped and eternity begins? Y/N ____

11. So, the only genuine 'reality' of all things, as just explained to them, he says, is that, "Through Him [Jesus], you of belief unto God [absolutely certain of His eternal existence, power and authority],...by 'the Faith' [Jesus system of being obedient 'in Christ'] of you all and Hope are [continually] unto God."
This is Prof. Peter's conclusion, as to, their present conscience and condition?
Y/N ____
12. He, also, added that their God had, both, 'raised' Jesus from death and 'gave' Him [Jesus] His (deserved, due to His perfect performance and obedience to all the necessary requirements that God had prearranged in eternity for the Messiah to rule) glory-He had earned the ultimate co-rule of all things from the Throne in Heaven. He had, thus, already explained all these things to these brethren? Y/N ____
13. Prof. Peter is declaring that because of 'the Faith' they are living and the living 'Hope' that they are convinced will one day become reality, each of them continually is right in their relationship with God? Y/N ____
14. They have, thus, kept the necessary obedience to the TRUTH (based upon their living Hope and obedience to 'the Faith'). This is based on their desire to please God, which demands that Jesus is their motive for everything they now are, which explains how and why they are living in accord with His new Way? Y/N ____
15. He takes them into another area of necessary love, that they can evaluate by their actions. How is their 'love' of their brethren in this troubling time? Is it as strong (involved) as it had been, or is the abuse causing them to not show

their strong affection toward each other. Does he seem to know that the pressure of the abuses is keeping them apart? Y/N ____

16. The way that Jesus expects them to act toward each other is two-fold: 1) with great fervency toward each other (neglecting no one) in this troubled time, as someone's eternity might depend upon other's strengths, 2) a pure heart is one that sets aside any idea or fear, as Jesus had (He had such concern for the souls and confidence in God, that He never acted un-pure.) Thus, they cannot neglect or ignore each other? Y/N ____

17. He, from here, is going to state that they know that God's Word is completely dependable. Too, that Word (or Message) is the 'only' source of them becoming 'born again' out of the power of sin against God. He uses a Greek tense called a perfect tense with its participle, while adding the passive voice, so that they cannot miss his point. They are, as they have been since their conversion (God added them to His Son's Kingdom because of their conviction as to Jesus' True Godship and their willingness to reform to His new Way at the moment they were immersed in His Name.), absolutely sure of His Word (Remember, they had never physically seen Jesus, as Prof. Peter had, but had become convinced by the Message and the confirming super-natural abilities they saw and received. They did not assume these Words were right (wish), but much more, personally, they knew that these things had to be from the living God!)? T/F ____

18. They understood that Jesus' Word was not of 'perishable seed', but rather was 'unperishable seed' (from the Throne of Jesus by the Holy Spirit). It is accurate, complete, unchangeable, and clear. Thus, they can depend upon

It, always! He calls Jesus' Word: living, enduring, and God's Message to emphasize its durability of it. He uses a quote from Isaiah to contrast man's durability of anything of man, compared to God's Word, which lasts forever. This is to ensure they are encouraged to 'love' correctly and completely?

Y/N ____

19. Prof. Peter uses the 'Pronoun' 'This' for one of two reasons: 1) either to close out this opening section about their 'salvation', 2) or to indicate to these abused brethren that God's Word (as he has just discussed for their encouragement), is the complete Source of their faith. Could it be that he is doing both? Y/N ____

20. He says that "This" is the Message of the Good News that had been evangelized to them. That all began with him evangelizing the Good News of Jesus. But their conversion was based upon their conviction that Jesus was 'reality', which had to be confirmed by the Holy Spirit's super-natural events showing them that Prof. Peter was approved by God. Then, these folks, based upon Prof. Peter's Message from God's Throne and the Holy Spirit's confirming actions, still had to decide if the Word was actually from God. When they did, they could act upon God's Word, not on Peter or the super-natural events! They, confident that the Word of God was being given to them, then responded to whatever reforms God demanded, so that, they could be reconciled to Him. God, then, as they responded to His Word, added them all to Jesus' Kingdom as they each responded accurately to His instruction (when they were immersed in Jesus' Name). They, Prof. Peter is saying by the 'perfect tense', are still confident in God's Word or Message?

T/F ____

Prof. Peter's 4th Thought

1. Prof. Peter writes that because the Word of God is the only source of Truth, they should be aware that they are to renounce five things: 1) malice (toward others), 2) deceit (anything that is manipulated and error), 3) pretenses (any untrue thing that is not in accord with Truth, being said to save their ego), envies (their egos being fed by personal ambitions), 5) slanders (false, unproven accusations against others). These are all of characteristics of mankind and have no likeness to Jesus. These must be reformed to Jesus' examples and new Way. One cannot love their brother, if they do these things or live by them? Y/N ____
2. Much more so, it is imperative that they 'crave' pure spiritual milk! Rather than the way of man, they "must" crave or take into their new character (Jesus' likeness) with great gladness, His 'pure' (correct) reforms deeply settling in their spirit (everyone has one, given by God at conception -Zech.12:1), thus, He will be heard, seen, and glorified by their talk, actions, thoughts and motives? Y/N ____
3. He calls this 'milk' which is of known nourishment. And he calls those that reform and practice these reforms of Jesus' likeness (receiving God's only 'milk'), newborn babes! They, like newborn babes, ought to be completely receptive to this pure, spiritual [their spirit] food, as He has both provided everything they need to understand and their reasoning or motive! Jesus is of

a different and perfect character and His example and new Way or our only acceptable guide? Y/N ____

4. He says that if they do “it”, they will grow (in Jesus’ likeness) to ‘salvation’! Thus, if they do not do “it”, then, they will not! So, whatever “it” is ought to be their new nature. The “it” is a pronoun that is used in the place of the noun-milk, which they ‘must’ crave. God has revealed His Son, Jesus, and His new Way (the only, unique, and authoritative Word of God/the New Covenant) for all folks in His Kingdom to use in their reforms to please Him and be recipients of His ‘salvation’ on the last Day of time? Y/N ____
5. The greatest and accurate motivation for ingesting this special, revealed, pure milk is: “...if you all have ‘tasted’ that the Lord (Jesus) is gracious.” (He is filled with Grace not self). Everything about Him is what is best for all others (whether they except Him or not, as their ‘salvation’- He is their only way back to God). These brethren, in duress, must put their complete confidence in the “Word of God”, as they have not seen Jesus, yet. If and as they grow in His likeness, their ‘salvation’ is sustained? T/F ____
6. He states that they are coming to Him, meaning they are “face to face” with Him. The Greek word is ‘pros’, which means ‘face to face’. In their reforms and self-evaluations, each of them is viewing themselves in comparison to Jesus. Their reforms are to produce His likeness, which is to be in them and seen? Y/N ____
7. He says that Jesus “is” a ‘living’ Stone and that many people do reject Him, sadly. But, when the decision was started, Jesus was to be God’s precious (the only being with the ability to stand the test for others), and chosen (The

decision was made in eternity that Jesus would be sent, as no other being could have a chance of fulfilling the requirements of man's Messiah.) One (unique in every way). By saying "is", Prof. Peter is relating that Jesus is still alive? T/F ____

8. Because Jesus was 'the' chosen living "Stone" (our 'Rock') for the 'salvation' of mankind (if, they choose to accept Him), determined to be the only possible One, while the "Plan of Salvation" was being designed in eternity prior to any creating by God, all people through the ages to come that become part of His Kingdom, are also 'living stones'? Y/N ____
9. These special 'stones' are living (These are emulating Jesus, daily in what they: say, do, think, and are motivated to be by Him.)! They make up the bricks (or rocks) that are constantly displaying Jesus. They make His house, that they personally displaying, a spiritual house for all to see? Y/N ____
10. Prof. Peter declares, thus, that each of them must make their seen view of Jesus' house, since it is alive, a priesthood! Their continuing 'dedication' is in full view of all people and to God, allowing God to use their service for His Plan. Prof. Peter expresses this is true, as they all subject themselves sacrificially to His every direction (even if it is painful in the flesh). All things lead to only one result that genuinely matters: Can God be trusted to resurrect them and reward each of them with an eternal home; does He have both the 'power' to do so and the "Plan of Salvation" that clearly says He will! Prof. Peter, then confirms that, if they are dedicated spiritual sacrifices (These are only the ones that are confirmed by God's Word. These are genuine sacrifices!), then, God says that they are acceptable. Any

sacrifice that is acceptable is only through Jesus Christ (Jesus and His new Way, only revealed in His New Covenant/His Word are the unique, the genuine, the complete, the clear, and the accepted sacrifices by God! Thus, His Word had to be, then, the 'only' source and 'limit' to these living 'stone's': thoughts and actions. If they added, subtracted, neglected, or rejected any of His Word by their actions or motives, they were no longer a part of Jesus' house.) Prof. Peter is exhorting them to review God's Word and live by It. This Letter is a part of God's Word (they had received much more of God's Word orally from the Holy Spirit, in which they were living in accord) for their evaluation and their appropriate actions in Christ? T/F ____

11. He uses Isaiah 28 as a verification of the power in God's Word and necessity to follow It all, to the letter. Not only was this idea verified by that prophecy, it named the city (Zion was a reference to Jerusalem) and the fact that this very special 'Stone' would be God's "Keystone" (or 'Cornerstone'-the term used for all building of that time). Through Isaiah (in roughly 700bc), Yahweh (Jewish name for God) revealed that He had already designed a "Plan" for mankind's 'salvation', which until Jesus came, the Jews missed in their interpretations of The Scriptures? Y/N ____
12. The only people that accepted that this quote was about the coming Messiah-Jesus- was His Kingdom. They saw this as a very precious revelation from Yahweh, verifying their Christ (Messiah to the Jewish Christians). But, Prof. Peter continues, those that reject Jesus, as the only, unique, correct "Stone", actually have Him, as a 'stumbling' stone to their eternity (uses two other prophetic statements in the Scriptures to prove the point) (This is the

set of Writing by God through various writers from 1440bc to about 400bc. These are also referred to as the Old Testament by religious folks.) He quotes from Ps.118, which is a Messianic prophecy. Though, It does not give Its writer, It seems to indicate It was written when the 'Tabernacle' was being used by the Jews (from the Mt. Sinai building of It-about 1447bc- till King Saul's death in about 1009bc, which would predate David. It also explains the distress felt by one being abused unjustly, which Yahweh is allowing to happen. Ultimately, the abused one is vindicated by Yahweh. The other quote in Isaiah verifies, also, that Yahweh's Keystone is a stumbling block to unbelievers, (which Yahweh, also, allows to happen.) The contrast is clear, only these in Christ understood God's Word correctly, which God reveals in only His Word? Y/N ____

13. He as an Apostle of Jesus, who is inspired by the Holy Spirit with "God's Word" for their acceptance, now, declares that these 'stumbling' Jews are doing the exact same thing as 'being disobedient' to God's Message, and It can give them 'salvation'. He again, thus, contrast their 'disobedience' to those that believe, accept and live, dedicated to It, because It is from Him? T/F ____
14. He says that their disobedience causes their coming 'appointment'. God in His design of the 'Plan of Salvation' has a provision for those that reject or disobey His Word. Jesus said that He came to save the world (if they are willing to subject themselves unto He and His new Way), not to Judge it, but they must understand that they do have a judge (of their talk, actions, thoughts, and motives), ultimately. He said that their Judge was to be, "...the

Message that He spoke...”, and that would occur on the last Day (Jesus explained that there will be a Judgement Day to divide the Kingdom, as genuine disciples or not. Clearly, His Word is His only, complete, accurate, and just Source for fair, unbiased judgement of all mankind’s thoughts, actions, and motives. These that are ‘appointed’, are appointed to God’s HELL, due to their desire and dedication to rejecting His new Way or disobeying It! That HELL designed by God is horrific and eternal. It is not annihilation of a person’s soul and spirit, but rather, the eternal continuation of it in a God designed continuous HELL. Prof. Peter is encouraging these brethren to see that God will see them to their ‘appointment’ with Him?

Y/N ____

15. He, here, declares four very significant things about this group of called-out brethren. He is speaking about them in every province he has worked. He is declaring exactly who they now are in his evaluation of their commitment and dedication to Jesus. 1) They are not just a group of followers of Jesus, but more so, Jesus’ new Way ‘chosen’ generation. They are serving Jesus by His Standard. 2) They are not just a ‘priesthood’, but more so, a ‘royal Priesthood’, which means that they are satisfying Jesus’ design for His body in every way. 3) In their present situation they are proving their ‘dedication’ to Jesus, as they handle the abuse correctly. 4) They are His possession! They will accept anything that comes their way, no matter the cost. They know God’s Grace is with them in all things. Prof. Peter is very confident that they are all living for Jesus and His Cause (the souls of mankind)?

Y/N ____

16. All of these descriptions of their character is Jesus-like. They understand God has to have 'priest' (all genuine christians are priest, not dead folks) sacrifice, so that He can move people toward His glory and power. These brethren know that the responses they have to the world's abuse will either declare God's excellencies or not. They have chosen to allow Him to be glorified, no matter the fleshly cost. They are certain He will keep His promises to them for eternity? T/F ____
17. They have accepted Jesus' calling out of the dark world, in which, they had been a part. Now His incredible 'light' answers every need and idea they have. His goals are now understood and accepted as their own? T/F ____
18. In their past lives, two things about their present life were not true: 1) They are now God's people (In His power, no matter their situation, they are completely covered by His power and promises.) 2) They continually receive His mercy (Their worship and service to Him and His Cause is constant and He, as the only merciful God, forgives and blesses them all.) Prof. Peter is expressing his observations of them in the duress they presently have, confidently? Y/N ____

Prof. Peter's 5th Thought

1. Prof. Peter, after establishing the fact that these brethren are God's people, declares that they are 'beloved' of God. They, thus, are in God's family of His Grace, and His ultimate power is always with them in any situation. His concern for them is deeply felt, as they are to be tested, as he begs them

because they are stranger and even exiles (waiting for the promised 'new' eternal Kingdom that God's has already designed). This is their real home for eternity? Y/N ____

2. Thus, they must abstain from the lust of this life. There are many lust in it, but they must overcome them. They will lust to preserve their lives when the abuses become very sever. They must be dedicated to Jesus and realize that He, too, suffered as great as they will, yet he knew God was in control, even in His murder. Jesus knew God could have stopped it from happening, but there was a greater reason for allowing the murder to be done-the possible reconciliation of men's souls! They, too, must have this level of trust and confidence in God, His power, wisdom, and purpose. They ought to emulate Jesus in this time? Y/N ____

3. The Gentiles (Roman and locals) will create a war for their souls. They must maintain a honorable response to them (They have to draw upon their dedication to Jesus and use His motives, actions, mind, and words to be honorable to God.), so God can be glorified, even, by these evil folks, which Roman historians saw and heard in them, as they were being murdered? Y/N ____

4. He warns them that these evil men will slander them due to their faith because it differs so dramatically to their cultural ideas (man-made philosophies). They will observe their 'good deeds' (Jesus-like responses) and just as Jesus accomplished incredible things in His murder, so will they, if it comes to such a fate. He suggests to them that they, too, by this correct action, will likely affect some souls, which will be revealed to all at the 'Day of

visitation' (When Jesus returns for His Kingdom to join Him for eternity.)

They and those that become christians, due to their sacrifice, will glorify God for His wisdom and wonderful "Plan" for mankind? T/F ____

7. Thus, they all must stay in subjection to the kings and governors of the kings! These officials of the local government have God's blessing, though they do not follow or recognize the living God in their governing. They are suppose to control all evil doings of those under their control, and reward and watch-over, all those that 'do good'. Prof. Peter, then, says that it is "God's Will" that these christians, by 'doing good' (emulating Jesus, aware that God can use their abuses for saving other souls), might, actually, shut down (sooner or later) the nonsensical actions of ignorant (non-believer or not knowing of Jesus and His new Way) leaders and their warriors? Y/N ____
8. They must do this because they are God's slaves! They are free in His eyes from what man would see as an end of things (their deaths). It is not! They are doing 'His Will'! He wants this to happen to them. He has no concern about their deaths due to this abuse, as He is the Creator of the eternal Kingdom that awaits them, and sees a greater value in their oppression? Y/N ____
9. He, also, warns them that trying to gain freedom from this oppression is a serious error, because in it, they are in reality, actually, free in God's mind. So, because of this, it is imperative (must) that they: 1) honor 'all' men (even these evil men that will abuse them-Jesus commands His Kingdom to 'love' their enemies), 2) love the brethren (sacrifice for other's good is the core of genuine 'Love', which God 'is'), 3) continue to revere God (trust, honor,

praise His new Way, fear Him, and confidently praise Him), and , honor the 'king' (man's king, though, he is responsible to God for all his actions). Notice that all four of these are begun with the word-MUST. After this explanation as to what, why, who, and when, Prof. Peter has, here, commanded them to subject themselves, confidently, to God's Will in this matter? T/F ____

10. Prof. Peter, here, changes his thought to specific groups of brethren. The first group is 'slaves'. In Roman society these are folks that are enslaved by Roman Law to 'masters'. Their masters are just that! They control their lives completely and can decide to take away life, if they think they need to do so. Some masters are of very good natured toward their 'slaves' and deserve the slave's respect and complete subjection (God is over all civil law and expects no less, as such actions will glorify Him, as most slaves do not act or think appropriately) from their deepest heart felt motives. But, there are many masters that are harsh and even violent toward their slaves. He says that these are also to receive the same service and respect as the good ones. (Jesus did so, and 'love of enemies' demands that they do so? Y/N ____
11. Prof. Peter explains the motive for this command. He describes doing so as being 'gracious' (a form of God's Grace is being expressed). If they are unjustly (this is due to the slave's relation to Jesus) punished, meaning that they are in Jesus' kind of character and unjustly, thus, abused. He contrast, the slave that takes the master's punishment correctly, but has deserved it, due to the slave's bad actions. If you deserve the master's punishment and take it, that is not representing God well, so, you should live, think, or not deserve the punishment (even if you receive it), so you can be glorifying God

by correct motives and examples (of Jesus' likeness)? Y/N ____

12. He further explains that it 'is' being 'gracious', when you are doing good for God and suffer because of your being Godlike, and you endure the punishment with patient endurance (Endurance comes from the heart and mind that is in compliance with God's new Way and knows that they must glorify God, no matter the cost to them in this world. Too, that heart is convinced that God is pleased by their actions and His reward is certain.)? T/F ____
13. He continues to explain the necessity of patient endurance. He says that this is what God called all christians to do correctly (in most of our lives, this is a new character to now have)! He does not leave the command there, he gives the motive for acting this way. The motive is to be deep inside of each of us. Jesus is that 'motive', since He suffered for 'our' sake (Had Jesus not taken the horrible abuse, which He did not deserve, none of us that are in His Kingdom would have any hope of 'salvation'.). And has, though, left all of us an Example! This is what He did correctly for us, and we, because of Him, must reform to this example concerning other, no matter their treatment of us. Our motives must be His motives? T/F ____
14. Now, he is going to give more explanation into Jesus' actual 'motives' for His patient 'endurance', since Prof. Peter has declared that Jesus did so, so that all those in His Kingdom would have an 'example' to reform to be. The motives of Jesus are: 1) Jesus never committed any sin, nor was any guile found coming from His mouth (Jesus knew why He was allowing such confrontation to He genuinely being God on Earth-man ought to have known

better than to confront Him, as He proved 1000s of times that He was super human and even stated it many times. If He was not, thus, He would not have been able to do such super-natural things instantly, perfectly, and completely every time! Yet, He always maintained His love for even the most vile of people that confronted Him-no guile in His mouth was ever heard from Him.) This was prophesied by Isaiah many years earlier and Jesus is the only Unique One to do so., 2) Jesus was constantly being cursed at and about by those opposing Him. Many times, it was to His face (He was the “exact” expression of the living God, in flesh, and took such abuse expressed to the God and Creator of all things, with a motive most of us cannot control. He never lashed-out at them, but rather, always maintained self-control, due to His love for them all. His demeanor, actually, did effect and lead to the conversion of many, over time., 3) Jesus, even during the last suffering at His murder on a Roman cross, which everyone knew He did not deserve, He never threatened His enemies. How did they have such idiocy as to do such a thing to such a wonderful being as Jesus? How did they not realize that He knew their every thought and plan against Him? Obviously, they were so absorbed in their own survival of power, they believed the Lie! He, though, possessing all the power of the super natural, could have easily dispensed with all of them and their nonsensical plan, yet He did not. Nor did He threaten them that He would, why? He continually had given Himself over to the One (the only Father) and committed Himself to the eternal “Plan”, that They (God) had devised for many sons and daughter from their creation (our universe). Jesus stayed committed to Their Plan even beyond the suffering

He would endure from mankind, such that, His Kingdom was established in Jerusalem (on May 28, AD30) and spread accurately throughout the Roman controlled world, by AD 100, in which, He had the New Covenant completed by the actions of the eternal Holy Spirit, as He inspired many Christians to write It. Abuses never stopped from man, but Jesus' leaders (Apostles, Prophets, Evangelist, and Elders-Teachers, every one, of His correct new Way) knew and projected Him correctly. The results are still growing today, even with many abuses, globally. Prof. Peter is compelling these brethren to not recant, but suffer, if that is God's Will, and proves that Jesus is the source of 'why' to do so? T/F ____

15. Prof. Peter is still not done using Jesus as the only motivation to which they ought to be giving attention, if they, too, are abused. He has, still, a greater reason for their endurance than what he has already revealed. He begins by using the middle voice of koine Greek, writing, "HE, HIMSELF". He is, in print, emphasizing Jesus, Himself, as the only, the Unique One, the designated One, the only Originator that could do what He did! Jesus, literally, brought all of mankind's sins (since Adam and Eve, until the end of time) 'in' His physical body to the cross on which He would, actually, die-physically! They need to consider and discern what that means. Jesus, Who, always was and is God (He was named the "Word" prior to becoming flesh and blood), took on 'flesh' to become the only acceptable sacrifice (this is God's eternal Plan) for the sins of all of mankind, so that, God could reconcile any man or woman, which then, would allow those folks to receive from God an eternal home with Them. This means that when He was about

to die on that cross, He in His flesh (not His Spirit) had to possess all the trillion of trillions of sins, so that His sacrifice could cover them all. Imagine how Jesus, physically, had to feel. Only He in His deepest care and commitment to such an undeserving, uncaring, and unconcerned group of recipients, that are all guilty of many sins, who deserve God's wrath for eternity, can be their 'Hope', yet, first, He must become 'sin' (in essence)! It is such a vile picture, only God the Father can see, God shuts off light for the final three hours of Jesus' life on Earth. There is, likely, even more ugliness 'in' Jesus during these moments, than we can imagine. Read the four closing wonders He accomplished by such a commitment, which they are to use as motivation for their subjection to He and His new Way? Y/N ____

16. He is addressing those that are slaves, as they have the most difficult cultural setting in which to live, first. Jesus, he tells them, did sacrifice Himself, that they all would develop the faith in Him, such that, they would be motivated to 'live in righteousness' through His new Way? Y/N ____
17. They, also, would do so, because His sacrifice allowed them to be reconciled to God, Who forgave their sins (which no other sacrifice had the power to do). They, by living their lives, now, by His New Covenant, were free of the punishment and wrath of God for their sinning, if they confess them and reform to His likeness? Y/N ____
18. He declares, then, that this was accomplished by Jesus 'through His wounds', which He suffered for them on the Roman cross. They had never seen Jesus, yet due to the proclaiming of His Good News and the confirming supernatural actions of Prof. Peter (and those he laid hands upon that the Holy

Spirit granted to speak accurately and heal folks), they knew that God was with them. Thus, they were confident that Jesus' purpose for allowing such abuse to Himself was for them? Y/N ____

19. They in their past were like scattered sheep with no shepherd, but 'now' they are brought back into Jesus' fold. He is their only unique Shepherd and Overseer, directing them in life in accord to what He has revealed will please Him (by His New Covenant/Word), until they all come home for eternity? T/F ____

20. Next, Prof. Peter turns to all Christian wives (this exhortation is not for their consideration only, but more so, for their reforms and consistency, as to what Jesus expects of them in any generation or culture), yet he begins by saying, "Likewise". His reasoning is clear. All the motivating reasons he gave for the 'slaves', applies to the wives. He, because of their unique potential as wives, adds some essential understand to their work for Jesus. They must be in 'subjection' to their own husbands only and not someone outside their family, for influences. Thus, they are responsible for practicing the new Way of Jesus without fail in their homes (Not by some kind of holy man, but by their own learning and practicing of Jesus' new Way; they all are just as capable as any person to learn It). Jesus' likeness works beautifully there and they, each one, must not recant or reject His oversight. (If you do make a mistake in judgement or attitude toward your spouse or in your action with them, you must apologize every time, so that they will know you are sorry for your error [unlike Jesus' character], then reform to His new Way, again, and be thankful God allows for such things in His "Plan".)? Y/N ____

21. He says that they become Jesus' Good News and that even without an evangelist, they will naturally be responsible for the conversion of their spouse to Jesus' Kingdom! Living Jesus new Way powerfully plays upon those that best know you and your convictions, as he is demonstrating these wives can and should have in their homes? Y/N ____
22. He gives a special command (a must) as Jesus' warning. They must be careful about how they are 'perceived' by others (Husband, family, congregation, and community, ought not to get a wrong evaluation of Jesus' women. They can control this view as He expects.). If they dress in any manner that can be perceived to be trying to be impressive to others in their world/community/family by the world's standards, they are not keeping Jesus happy with their efforts for Him (but rather, they are pleasing those of the world's views). He mentions three things that each wife must not do (not asking but commanding): hair styling, jewelry, and clothes. These will indicate whether a wife is 'social' conscience or Jesus conscience. There are no excuses given for the wives, they must subject themselves to this potential problem because of their perception by others (all). Although there is not given such a strict code of outward appearance to widows or younger unmarried women, these 'wives' are, as mothers, to 'instruct the younger women' and wives in other contemporary histories (Dr. Paul's contemporary history addressed to Titus, Thought 3, is one). How could a knowledgeable wife and mother, not train correctly their daughters. This, remember, is not a matter of opinion but rather a command of Jesus?
Y/N ____

23. He says that, “,,much more so,...”, meaning that he is now going to give christian wives the ‘best’ way (not to be tested, rejected, or neglected) to ensure that they, like the ‘slaves’ that are in His Kingdom, also, must reform to be pleasing to Him, due to His sacrifice and reward, these ladies, too, need to know and be exhorted that He has a ‘best’ ‘adorning’, that ought to be the thing seen in them by all! It ought to deeply be placed in each of their servant hearts to Jesus (which is their minds). That is, their adornment of an active gentle and quiet spirit (their own spirit, not the Spirit). This spirit, he confirms is completely imperishable (as it is Jesus like), It will remain in them in all they say, do, think, and are motivated by. This wife has God’s admiration and He sees her as having unsurpassable value. Not only to Him but as a correct perception (to Whom do they belong?), by all others?

Y/N ____

24. He knows he has to be even more convincing, so he uses ‘dedicated’ women that were before Moses Law. These women were in complete ‘trust’ with Yahweh (Israel’s God) before any Law was given as a system! God, here, is being explained to these women of Prof. Peter’s time, as having worked with the women of those years before (those early wives did not design their own method of being a wife correctly)! These early ‘wives’, not only ‘trusted’ God (in what He explained to them), they were dedicated to do and Be, as He Willed for them to be. They, too, ‘adorned’ themselves correctly, because they, each one, considered themselves to be in ‘subjection’ to His Will. Thus, they were in subjection to their own husbands. Sarah is the example Prof. Peter uses of the fact that women of that early time acted

exactly as he is indicating 'wives' of his time must! Sarah not only obeyed her husband, Abraham, she called him her 'master'! He closes out this proof of God's expectations for these 'wives' with assurances that they are the children (in being wives) of such wives, if, they practice Jesus' likeness to being a 'servant' as a priority of their having reformed to Jesus' Standard. It takes much courage to "do good" (as Prof. Peter closes with), but God expects it of them. Should women claiming to be "in Christ" in our time and various cultures, heed and reform to this strong plan for 'wives', as Prof. Peter has revealed about them and about their potential, if they do, in this Letter? Y/N ____

25. Once again, Prof. Peter begins this discussion with the word, "likewise", which means that all the information concerning slaves and wives, is applicable to husbands and must be understood and reformed in husbands. Then, in addition, he begins those necessary things husbands must be aware of to be God's kind of a husband? Y/N ____
26. Husbands are to live with their wife with Jesus' kind of understanding. This is a 'big' requirement for men. Jesus was always patient, kind, loving, and a perfect example. No husband can do this continually, so he must be willing to confess errors (to God and his spouse), apologize, reform, and re-evaluate with her, so the relationship stays Jesus-like. Too, 'understandingly' means daily activity in God's Word and correct application must be shared in the family. Expectation of her submission cannot be demanded but sought by the husband and only by God's Word, never by condescending demands or force. God created man with the leadership of the family in mind, but only

in

accord with His Way, not culture or tradition. The husband has much to consider concerning his Jesus likeness in his relations with his wife and family and generally, much to reform if he is going to lead God's Way? Y/N ____

27. Husbands are not to be mice, but neither can they be overbearing in their relationship with their spouses. God is very poorly represented by such husbands. Prof. Peter says the ladies are more delicate (Even if the spouse is strong headed, the husband must treat her as more delicate than men are.), so harsh treatment will not produce a Godlike relationship and, thus, must not be in the marriage. The man has the responsibility to reform it correctly. Much time and effort by the husband to this end has to be his priority. Prior to any marriage, these correct directions, ought to be discussed and agreed upon? Y/N ____
28. Bestowing honor upon the wife, begins with understanding that she is a 'fellow-heir' of God's Grace. He created her to be an equal recipient of His Grace, thus, she has equal benefits from Him concerning her eternal home with Him (it is always important to remember that in heaven there are no marriages, as we each one will be like the angels, and not husband and wife). So, honor to that level of eternal being, though presently in 'flesh' and a part of a marriage (which God designed for this world, not by mankind), means the husband is to honor her, always, as equal and just as capable to please God, in accord with His New Covenant, as he is. Honor means to value another's status! This is a must for a correct marriage, that is pleasing to God. Husband's fight culture and tradition to achieve this level of relationship with their spouse, needing Jesus' kind of humility to sustain it?

Y/N ____

29. He declares the necessity of them to become this kind of husband, and stay one (again, it is wise to discuss thoroughly God's Plan for the kind of relationship husbands and wives are expected to have and sustain, prior to beginning a marriage). It could be that the would-be spouses do not know God's Plan, nor care to enter such a marriage. Time to discern the 'why' (God is the author of marriage and each partner's part, not mankind), might be necessary to enter it correctly. Here Prof. Peter declares that a husband's prayer can be unheard or expecting him to reform his character (to Jesus' likeness) before God complies with his request. Too, it indicates that husbands are responsible for prayer in the family, regularly? T/F ____
30. Last in Prof. list of those that are subject to God's new Way is named 'all of you', which means that the following is for everyone in the various congregations and, also, for those specifically named in this context. He is saying that they ought to be of 'one mind'. That mind, of course is Jesus' and not by the cultures ideas. Here in these provinces the local and Roman mind was corrupt in this very serious area. The practicing of Jesus' new Way was not suppose to create abuses by their neighbors or the government, yet it was. They, soberly and for correct reasons were to not comply to these erring ideas. It would pass, but not yet. During these difficult times, they were to maintain 'one mind'-Jesus'? Y/N ____
31. He now gives six 'one mind' necessities they must have. First, sympathetic, which means to have sympathy for others. It was not just for the brethren in this duress, but, also, toward those abusing these christians. It is usually

expressed and not just an inter-feeling. Sympathy which is not expressed is of little use to folks, so, it has to be expressed. Thus, they needed to make folks aware that they loved them, they had eternal reasons for their non-compliance, God loved them, the hope that they would come to Jesus for His forgiveness, and the promised eternal home was a proven reality.

They had to be sympathetic to all: good, bad, and ugly? Y/N ____

32. Next, he says that they must have deep affection for all the brethren. This is a tough time. They know that love covers much sin. Their expressions of love in actions, will encourage the weak, despondent, and those under horrible duress. Deep affection is beyond friends or personal family, it is God's family. There can be no neglect, or rejection of anyone in Jesus' Kingdom. No partiality is to be done. They need to confront this evil with unity, compassion, strength, confidence in God's Will, and affection expressed clearly among the local congregation? T/F ____
33. Being 'tender hearted' will let others know you are hurting with them. This is a Jesus-like character that is recognized in those that have solid, sound faiths. Their compassion is seen by the ones needing a shoulder and a tower of strength in duress that keeps Jesus first under any stress? Y/N ____
34. They cannot have any anger, or ranker toward those that are evil actors. They are lost souls with a horrible eternity ahead of them, and they mostly do not understand the Plan of God's salvation, nor care. These events, likely, are going to be the only contact with God's Good News. Thus, these brethren must keep that essential fact in mind. There may be some so affected by the character and actions of these abused christians, that they

may convert later. It, thus, is essential to not 'return evil for evil', which they most certainly are receiving? Y/N ____

35. They can expect (and probably have already experienced) many sick insults, due to their practice of Jesus' character. They might want to strike back at them: "You'll get yours, bud!", or "Hell is for despicable people like you!". No! Let it go, as you may be their only or last chance to be touched by Jesus' love? Y/N ____
36. It is imperative that they 'seek' peace. Not peace with their abusers, but rather God's 'peace'. That kind of peace is of Jesus' nature, and He wants all His Kingdom to have it. His peace will get them through this duress? Y/N ____
37. He must feel for the suffering they are in and is coming. He says that they are 'to pursue' Jesus' peace. Their reward for such service to Jesus will guarantee their success in their eternity. Jesus' peace was displayed by Him in His brutal, unjust last hours, resulting in remarkable things after it had all passed? Y/N ____
38. He reminds them that the Lord does not miss anything, and He is closely watching them during this time. He, too, is very attentive to all their prayers. Those that resort to evil instead of Jesus' new Way, are not heard or heeded by the Lord? Y/N ____
39. He continues, if they are enthusiastic (giving great efforts) to doing God's 'good' during this trial, they are unlikely to be mistreated much. But more importantly, if they are called upon to suffer because of their 'righteousness' they ought to be expressing great happiness? Y/N ____
40. Each of them has to maintain great courage and be complete under self-

control, they ought to be totally undisturbed by the evil being acted upon them? Y/N ____

41. They must have Jesus set apart in their hearts and minds to achieve control of the situation (it has greater motives and rewards). Too, they must always be prepared to explain the facts and reasons for their confidence to anyone asking them why they will go to such ultimate ends for Jesus and His Cause? T/F ____
42. Any such kind of an opportunity has to be handled with gentleness and honoring the person or people asking. These will produce a clear conscience in you. You should give their value to God great humility, hopeful they will respond to Him? Y/N ____
43. Thus, when you are slandered by the abusers, their revile of you due to your good manner of life in Christ will create in them shame and remorse? Y/N ____
44. Prof. Peter has years of experience in personally dealing with what he is suggesting. He declares that is always much better to suffer for doing righteous things (in accord with His Way), if it is His Will that you must 'suffer' abuse. Rather than do evil to avoid abuse? Y/N ____
45. He uses the best example of this-Jesus. He dies once for the sins of all mankind. He was the Just (absolutely perfect being, having no sin, but more) dying for the 'unjust' (Every person is unjust because they sin all the time against God. They do not deserve Jesus' death nor do most even care, yet some respond to such love, care, and sacrifice.) This very motive of Jesus led them to God? Y/N ____

46. Jesus was for sure murdered (in His flesh), even though He was innocent of any sin. He had lived obedient to God without ever making a mistake or sinning against Him. Prof. Peter uses an illustration of Jesus always in an attitude of saving folks, by using the time of the flood and Noah. In spirit Jesus for those years (about 100) tried to reason with those who remained disobedient, to reform (as Noah did). Everyone was disobedient but Noah was found to be righteous, blameless, and living with God. He was not sinless, only blameless (meaning he by faith was obedient to God's Way). This example of Jesus' care only saved 8 souls during that time, but salvation at that time was by God's command, which was by water? Y/N ____
47. His point is that just as God designed His Way to save those that love, serve and obey Him, and He proclaimed it to them, (His Way). Then, Prof. Peter declares that this suffering is being provided the same thing from God. He provided the old ones walking with God His way to salvation-water. And today God has designed "immersion" in His Son's Name, as His present way to ensure a person's salvation (to which all of them had submitted). He says, Yes! It must be from a heart and mind that genuinely wants to have a good conscience before God (committed to 'reform' to His new Way) and not just getting wet (removing dirt from their bodies)? T/F ____
48. He includes the fact that all the above is available only because of the fact that Jesus was 'Resurrected'! This is the proof from God of Jesus' genuineness and His fulfillment of all requirements as His Son, He declares Jesus had done everything correctly and completely by His 'Resurrection'! If Jesus had not fulfilled everything required by God, He would have not been

resurrected. He then completes this exhortation with the, also, clear fact that Jesus has entered heaven and is presently seated on the Father's right, ruling all the universe! Jesus is in control, also, of all angels, authorities, and powers, which are in complete subjection to His command and Will. This is these brethren's reason for steadfast service, no matter the suffering?

Y/N ____

Prof. Peter's 6th Thought

1. Because Jesus, undeserved, allowed all the terrible abuses to Himself, because of a far greater Good, Prof. Peter says that they, also, 'must' have the same insight as Jesus did! Yes, it was a very difficult decision by Jesus, but He never wavered in His motives because of His concern for others, nor in His confidence in the Father God's ability, power, and purpose for His sacrifice. They, too, must maintain these for others, most of whom do not deserve such a sacrifice by them? Y/N ____
2. He says that anyone who equips themselves with Jesus' motive above their fleshly wishes, has been freed by God from all sin, thus, ensuring their eternal destiny? T/F ____
3. Their actions and motives will prove to God that they are not making their decisions by the lust than mankind would have to find a way to save their lives, but rather, to accomplish God's Will by their potential sacrifice? Y/N ____
4. He describes the 'walk' in life these Gentiles all have with six terrible

blasphemies of God's new Way for those that are in Jesus' Kingdom. All of these are for self-pleasures, proving they see themselves above the living God and Father Christians serve. He also mentions their 'wanton' acts of idolatry, to emphasize, both how absurd those acts are and how unbelievable it is that these Gentiles actually think they answer their needs for a god, through their actions toward these stones, mirages, and philosophies?

Y/N ____

5. Their initial reaction to the new Way of Jesus, which they all express in their words and actions, shock Gentiles because these Christians reject completely any acts of these debauchery, of which they are obsessed! Their present peril is due to this lack of understanding and can have an important impact upon the Gentiles by their remaining steadfast to God's purpose for the sake of these erring souls? Y/N ____
6. The Gentile's reaction to this correct new Way of these brethren will determine the eternal fate (God's judgement) of each of them. They will hopefully be swayed toward God's Plan for their salvation, by the sacrifices these folks are making? T/F ____
7. Thus, the reason that the Good News of Jesus is being evangelized to these Gentiles, that are presently dead, is that they either be lost or call upon God and His salvation. Prof. Peter worded it, "...may be judged according to mankind's [way] in the flesh, or live according to God in [the] spirit.", illustrating that some could respond to such magnanimous sacrifices as they will make? Y/N ____
8. Now, Prof. Peter tells them that the end of such evil is ending (but not yet)

and sacrifices will be required by God to complete His ultimate purposes. So, they, since they now understand it all clearly, 'must' remain sensible (complying to God's instructions with confidence). This is the wrong time to become emotionally stressed and lose control, which will be in opposition to God's Will for them. He expects them to remain 'sensible' (He is in control, all-knowing, and is depending upon their dedication to the end of this abuse.) They, also, 'must' maintain 'self-control' during this time. It is interesting that 'sensible' and 'self-control' are different, but not much different. Being sensible indicates having, both, knowledge and understanding of the situation, while, self-control means that they, thus, act in accordance with what is 'sensible'. These two Jesus-like characters are essential, so that their prayers to God the Father are not hindered, during this time? Y/N ____

9. He now exhorts them to have: seeable, feelable, active, sacrificial "Love" (exactly like Jesus has) among their congregation. It cannot be superficial and must be genuine toward any and all in the called-out group in which they are joined to Jesus' service. This is a crucial 'felt' and 'seeable' good work of Jesus' Kingdom. Their interaction among themselves, now, cannot falter or become complacent, it must be zealous toward each one involved, so that, they all are exhorted to stand strongly by other's examples and compassion. Nothing makes this call by God become easy. Even Jesus expressed it to be so, yet it is necessary! Help each other stay strong and be successful for Jesus' Cause, which is the call, that sin will not prevail in anyone? Y/N ____
10. Their hospitality toward the other christians, during this time, is a "must"! There can be no member of Jesus' local congregation that does not practice

Jesus' kind of hospitality toward the rest of His flock, as, to not do so, will give a false view of His kind of bond between His disciples. Love and hospitality (which comes from a Greek word that means sharing food with others) are always His proven and exemplified new Way. To not be involved to this level, during this duress, cannot be practiced by them. Any complains are to be hushed? Y/N ___

11. He explains to them, that each of them has, without exception, been blessed by God's Grace with a gift that can be of benefit for the other members of the local congregation. There is no limit to individual gifts (designed by God and revealed by Jesus) in any congregation, but now, they are to ensure that each member receives and shares their gift. He is saying that this means they are being a good 'steward' of their gift, if they are actively assisting all members, which is in this abusive or troubling time essential for the eternal fates of many? Y/N ___
12. There will be ample opportunities for them to speak. Each is to speak 'the Oracles of God and not hateful, personal, or worldly things to the abusers or among themselves. The 'Oracles of God' means that only His Truth has merit and is useful for the hearer. They are not to give or include any man-made idea or their own conclusions to God's Oracles? Y/N ___
13. There are many idea about giving 'serve' to others, and some are not from God. His are the only kind of 'service' they ought to render. God supplies His New Way, reasons and strength to them to do all services His Way. He has defined them in Jesus for their learning and doing? Y/N ___
14. The indication, that 'all' things being said or done, is accurate, Prof. Peter

says, is that God is being praised through Jesus Christ by all that witness these! This means that speaking His Oracles and providing His kind of serve to these people (in and out of the Kingdom), He and His Christ (Messiah) -Jesus- are the ones receiving praise, not themselves? Y/N ____

15. This God and Father of all for eternity and continually, ought to be known and has “the” Glory and “the” Power. There, thus, is no reasonable doubt, and all facts prove that He is the definition of all Glory. He, also, is the definition of all Power without any doubts? Thus, His new Way and His definitions of character are flawless and ought to be observed and done by all? T/F ____

16. He is declaring to these brethren that His Glory and Power, to Whom they are directing their praise, without doubt, is the only One that has and deserves such praise by them. He has these attributes forever and ever (indefinitely; without any end date in the future; will never not be), so they can depend on His Will for them, which all ought to agree with (amen!)? T/F ____

Prof. Peter’s 7th Thought

1. Prof. Peter, from this mighty evaluation he has just explained and declared about God and them, here tenderly calls these folks ‘Beloved’, meaning the Father and the Lord Jesus see them as such! They are aware of this and thus, knowing such is true, ought not to be astonished or disturbed by these abusive sufferings, but convinced that God is with them, subject themselves

without any fear! He is aware that it is a 'fiery ordeal'. There are many suffering greatly. "Can God allow this to happen!" (Remember Jesus and His purpose for such suffering, and His resurrection and going to Heaven!)?

Y/N ____

2. This is not some strange thing God has no control over (He has done many miraculous things for His people in the past), rather this abusiveness is a test of your commitment to He, Jesus and the new Way-Jesus' likeness for His Cause, which is the salvation of mankind. God is offering them a wonderful opportunity to assist Him in saving folks from His eternal punishment and eternal 'fiery ordeal'! Their purpose is His Purpose, and in reality, just as Dr. Paul in his 2nd Letter to the Corinthian congregation (some call 1st Corinthians) wrote in his 8th Thought, "...Death, where is your victory? Where, Death, is your sting?", God's promise is one breathe away of the promised Paradise with Jesus! Should this test be beyond their expression of their faith in their God? Y/N ____
3. He declares that their sharing in Jesus' sufferings, only makes sense that it produces 'rejoicing'! The reasons are clear: They are participating with God and Jesus in developing, by their actions, a group of folks that will respond to Jesus' saving Good News, which can only happen by their genuine commitment to lost souls, requiring the death of some of the brethren (Beloved to God) to convince these souls. Their doing so should produce rejoicing, now, but more so, at the 'Disclosure of His splendor' on the last day of time, when they each one will be ushered into the eternal Kingdom with Him. This has to be their obvious conclusion for God testing them this way?

Y/N ____

4. They should feel rejoicing now, while experiencing this test, but when that later day does occur, they will overflow with great 'joy'? Y/N ____
5. So, no matter how these Christians are reviled or abused by those of the community, they are God's children and have divine happiness because they are assured by God that He has given each of them the guarantee of the seal of the Holy Spirit? T/F ____
6. None of them ought to suffer this kind of abuse, as if they are murderers, thieves, evil doers, or as busybodies. But if they do and are only practicing their Christian faith, they have no reason to be ashamed, and ought to praise God in Jesus' Name? Y/N ____
7. In these ugly events, God, Who is the source of all righteous judgement, is watching and deciding by His revealed New Covenant, which of those in God's house (Jesus' Kingdom) are performing as He Wills. So, if the community acting so badly does not respond and reform to His new Way, what can they expect as their eternal judgement! Can they expect that their lack of acceptance of His Good News and obedience to It, will judge them? Y/N ____
8. Prof. Peter then confirms this statement with an Old Covenant verse from the Book of Proverbs? Y/N ____
9. He, then, confirms that those who are seriously suffering (even death) are doing so with God's blessing and in accord with His Will? Y/N ____
10. He finishes this very sober expectation of them by God, that they 'must' entrust their souls to the living God and His new Way by doing 'good' (His

Way), because He is the dependable (only One) Creator of all things?

Y/N ____

Prof. Peter's 8th Thought

1. Prof. Peter is finished with his explanation of the character and motives these brethren must have to correctly deal with the suffering they are being subjected to by their community and government. It cannot be clearer, their God expects them to not fight or return abuse for the evil actions against them, but be exactly like Jesus was in His suffering. The results will be of great value for those that see and hear their responses to the abuses. Souls will be saved. Now, in this last 'Thought', he turns to those that have become the 'elders' in the many congregations throughout these provinces. He, too, has become an 'elder' of the congregation in Babylon (he mentions his one son, Mark). It is the greatest honor to be sought by the Holy Spirit with His qualifications for this job and the local single congregation's recognition and trust. He is making this final plea to them in every congregation, because their examples and guidance might be of vital use for those among their congregation. It seems obvious that the persecutions were going to continue for some time and that their Jesus-like leadership has to continue to be constant and accurate. He is a fellow 'elder' and uses that position to relate to their situation? Y/N ____
2. He says that he is not only a fellow 'elder' but also witnessed Jesus' sufferings. Seeing anyone abused is difficult to take, unless the results are

already known. He is suggesting Jesus' were and they are educated in the facts of why He went through the sufferings. He confirms this by his third point, here, declaring that coming to all genuine members of Jesus' Kingdom is the certain coming Splendor of eternity? Y/N ____

3. He is calling them to a magnificent higher standard, since they all know the results of their leadership will have wonderful results among those they have accepted the job to shepherd for Jesus. He mentions four areas of great concern that they 'must' not shirk: 1) they must actively shepherd each of God's flock in their congregation, 2) they must do so willingly and not due to any compulsion of duty, as Jesus would do, 3) they must do so eagerly and not for greed for their power, 4) and by being Jesus' examples and not as masters over their actions? Y/N ____
4. Accomplishing these standards among the entire congregation (which will require much effort daily and with each individual) will ensure each of them receives an unfading crown of Glory. These actions by these 'elders' are exactly what God (the Chief Shepherd) does from eternity with His children, and He will not take their efforts lightly? Y/N ____
5. He (the Chief Shepherd) will one day appear and make all this worthwhile? T/F ____
6. After this heartfelt declaration to all the appointed (by the various congregations) elders, he says that all the congregation of the individual elderships 'must' (if they are men of the above character and actions) submit to their examples and leadership to please God? Y/N ____
7. Yes, all and each of them (elders and members of Jesus' Kingdom) in their

congregation locally, 'must' have Jesus' kind of humility toward each other. In fact, they all ought to clothe themselves with Jesus' humility, actively, among themselves. Such humility will have a wonderful effect upon the congregation's ability to sustain each other during this time of suffering?
Y/N ____

8. Prof. Peter uses an Old Covenant verse out of the Book of Proverbs to confirm that God has always felt and expressed that this is His Will? Y/N ____
9. In this time of great duress, they all, thus, ought to remain humble, realizing that they are under God's mighty hand, so that, at His appointed time, He may exalt each of them for eternity? T/F ____
10. Any worry or concern ought to be brought to Him. He has great concern for them and their eternity, already knows their needs, and awaits their coming to Paradise to be with Jesus? Y/N ____
11. One of the greatest differences in Christians and others, is their alertness to those things that are continually attempting to act in their lives that are attempting to have them speak or act or think out of character with Jesus'. Prof. Peter is asserting that they 'must' be aware that the devil, like a roaring lion, (outrageously arrogant and irritating), is constantly seeking anyone to devour or cause to sin against God's new Way? Y/N ____
12. He declares that their best defense against his ugly attempts to tempt them is "the Faith"! They are all aware and trained by the Holy Spirit in 'the Faith', which is and was the common way of describing the system of the Truth, in which, they all stood steadfastly to please Jesus. Their 'worship' was structured in accord with How Jesus had designed It to be conducted. Their

actions were designed by Jesus' example and clearly explained by Him and His inspired Teachers that the Holy Spirit guided. Every place the Good News of Jesus was evangelized and people responded too it, they made a commitment to 'reform' to His new Way, identically. Every new immersed member of Jesus' Kingdom had to decide before being immersed, if, they would 'reform' to Jesus' likeness and do so as He would reveal to them. Those that did so, were 'added' by God to Jesus' Kingdom and expected to continue to 'reform' all the things their families, communities, friends, and governments taught or expected them to do, say, or perform, to conform to Jesus New Covenant Way. To not follow Jesus instructions of "the Faith" (His new Way), by adding to It, subtracting from It, neglecting It, or rejecting It was not acceptable to the Son of God, Jesus, their Lord and Savior. It takes an active personal faith in Jesus, His authority and His reality to determine to live only and accurately in accord with "the Faith" He designed and preserved by the Holy Spirit (the New Covenant). Thus, does it not make sense that Prof. Peter, who had initially taught these brethren, during this time of great duress, to remind them to stay within the clear directives of 'the Faith' of Jesus to recognize and defend themselves against the devil's temptations? Y/N ____

13. He also, relates to them in this difficult time, that they are not alone. He says that brethren around the world are being tested the exact same way. Because he has coved the various reasons and design for their Jesus' like suffering and God's wonderful use of it, here, he tells them that it, presently, is a common fate by brethren, everywhere? Y/N ____

14. So, they have the understanding and Source of His instruction, just as do other brethren, thus, they need to be joyful for their participation, for a little while, because God is with them in it all? Y/N ____
15. He is the God of all Grace. No one else has any genuine Grace! Nothing happening in life has any eternal control of their destiny. Only God has the ability to give, control, and determine Grace. He has determined that these brethren will and do have It from Him? Y/N ____
16. God is Spirit, Love, ultimately Powerful, all Knowledgeable, and is Grace, too! These are the characteristics of the living God. And He can be counted upon to be truthful in all things He reveals and says! He has called them into His “eternal” Splendor and they ought to be certain that they can depend on Him. He has done so, through the Good News of Jesus, and confirmed Jesus is His Son and their Lord? T/F ____
17. Therefore, He, our God, will (without doubt) see that you all are: 1) complete (by His Standard), 2) support them in all they need to be acceptable, 3) see that they have all they need to be courageous and strong (for He, Jesus and the Cause), and 4) to be correctly established in His new Way. All these will be evident in them, which He will use to ensure their coming home for eternity? Y/N ____
18. After all, the ‘dominion’ of all things is His (No one nor anything comes anywhere near having His Power!) It, also, is for all time and eternally beyond time! This is what we ought all to agree upon, express, and have comfort in, amen! T/F ____

Prof. Peter's 9th Thought

1. In the closing statement of this most important topic, concerning actions, thoughts, and motives of Christians that are placed in serious duress due to their faith in Jesus' new Way, and God's expectations, purposes and, rewards, Prof. Peter closes it with recognition of a co-writer named Silas? Y/N ____
2. Silas, he says, is a faithful fellow worker in the advancing of Jesus' Kingdom and infers that he is an extremely capable worker. Silas began his service to Jesus and His Cause in Jerusalem in about 33 AD. He was sent to Antioch as part of the solution of false teaching by Jerusalem influencers that taught errors about Moses Law toward both Jews and Gentile converts to Jesus' new Way. He stayed there until he went with Dr. Paul through Syria and Cilicia to confront those Pharisee minded Jewish converts that began in Jerusalem. He and Dr. Paul continued into the Galatian province and stopped this error there. He stayed with Dr. Paul into Europe and continued with him through Corinth. They evangelized, matured, and organized Jesus' Kingdom in many different cities. The congregations were Gentile and Jews. They had to train, teach and example Jesus' teachings on 'unity' of the Christians in all those places. When Dr. Paul left Corinth in about 54 AD, he stayed in Corinth until Prof. Peter passed through Corinth. He joined Prof. Peter on his return trip through the five mentioned Roman provinces and on to Babylon, where Prof. Peter lived and worked out of. He is there at the writing of this first Letter back to those provinces and co-wrote this Letter to them, concerning the expectations God has for those folks that are suffering

severe abuse by their government and fellow citizens in those provinces.

This Letter was written in 56ish AD. So, for the last 20+ years Prof. Silas (He was one of Jesus' Prophets in Jerusalem while Prof. Peter was there.) was a very strong, accurate Prophet of Jesus' Kingship and His Cause. He, likely, was sent by the Holy Spirit to assist Prof. Peter in maturing Gentiles and Jewish converts in the cities Prof. Peter had established in these five provinces that were assigned to Prof. Peter. The Apostle Paul was assigned other areas and was commanded by the Holy Spirit to not go to these provinces. Prof. Peter leaves Jerusalem in about 45 AD for work elsewhere, which is these five provinces, working from Babylon. Except for the brief mention in Dr. Paul's 2nd Letter to the Corinthian congregation and now this first Letter to the provinces, we have no knowledge of his work. It is obvious that he has worked in this area for some time evangelizing, maturing and organizing these converts by indicators in this Letter to them, which is written in about AD 56. Silas is an important addition to the follow-up work Prof. Peter is doing there? Y/N ____

3. Prof. Peter, due to his continual work among these provinces, here, declares that this Letter is delivered to all of them (indicating that he likely made many copies for distribution among these provinces) to encourage them in these severe times, and to testify in writing from the Holy Spirit that the God of all genuine Grace expects them to be strong and stand in the New Covenant for all their practices of Jesus' new Way. He says that they all "Must" stand to please God by the Standard revealed in this Letter? Y/N ____
4. He verifies that he and his family, with the congregation (of which he is an

'elder') in Babylon greet them all. This says that they, too, are with them in Christ Jesus' new Way. They are acquainted with what they are suffering?

Y/N ____

5. He says that they can show their strength among themselves, in that, they 'Must' greet each other with a holy kiss of unity? Y/N ____
6. Prof. Peter declares that "Peace" from God is seen in Jesus (the only unique Christ), and like Him, those that remain in Christ during this suffering, have His "Peace"? T/F ____