1 PETER & IDENTITY: PEOPLE BELONGING TO GOD

• Instructions for people belonging to God (4:1-11)

1. Be godly in attitude (1)

*- Christ suffered to accomplish salvation*

*- I may suffer to accomplish sanctification (narrow sense--godly living)*

2. Be godly in actions--God’s desires vs. evil human desires(2-4; He 11:24-28)

*- Debauchery--extreme indulgence in sensual pleasures; absence of restraint*

*- Carousing--drinking bouts*

*- Dissipation--wastefulness*

3. Be saved (5-6)

*- People believed Gospel, were persecuted for it, & died; however, they live in heaven*

4. Be alert for Second Coming (7; Lk 21:34-36)

5. Be loving & forgiving (8; Ep 4:32-5:2)

6. Be hospitable (9: Ro 12:13)

7. Be useful with your spiritual gift (10-11; Ro 12:1-21; 1 Co 12:1-31; Ep 4:1-16)

• Instructions for people belonging to God (5:1-11)

1. To elders/pastors (1-4)

*- Feed with Word & watch over congregation (Jn 21:15-17)*

• Humbly (Mt 20:25-28)

• As example (He 13:7)

2. To young men--submit to older (5a)

3. To both (5b-11)

*- Be humble (5-6; Ph 2:3-8)*

*- Be prayerful (7; Ph 4:6-7)*

*- Be alert (8; 1 Th 5:6)*

*- Resist devil (9; Ja 4:7)*

*- Be strengthened by God (10-11)*

• Closing (5:12-14)

1. Silas composed Peter’s letters in Greek

2. Babylon could be in Egypt, Mesopotamia, or a symbol for Rome

3. Mark was Peter’s spiritual “son”

• Roman sensuality

1. Public nudity when exercising & bathing

2. Fornication, adultery, group sex, pedophilia, homosexuality, bestiality

3. Sex scenes portrayed on lamps, bowls, cups, vases in homes

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

• **Individuals**

1. Genesis 3:1-5

[**1**](http://biblehub.com/genesis/3-1.htm)Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?” [**2**](http://biblehub.com/genesis/3-2.htm)The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, [**3**](http://biblehub.com/genesis/3-3.htm)but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’ ” [**4**](http://biblehub.com/genesis/3-4.htm)“You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman.  [**5**](http://biblehub.com/genesis/3-5.htm)“For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

2. Luke 4:1-2

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, [**2**](http://biblehub.com/luke/4-2.htm)where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

• **Church**

1. Acts 20:28-31

[**28**](http://biblehub.com/acts/20-28.htm)“Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, ***[a](https://biblehub.com/niv/acts/20.htm" \l "footnotes" \o "Many manuscripts of the Lord)*** which he bought with his own blood. [***b***](https://biblehub.com/niv/acts/20.htm#footnotes) [**29**](http://biblehub.com/acts/20-29.htm)I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. [**30**](http://biblehub.com/acts/20-30.htm)Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. [**31**](http://biblehub.com/acts/20-31.htm)So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.”

2. 1 Timothy 4:1

The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons

• **Government**

1. 1 Kings 22:19-23

[**19**](http://biblehub.com/1_kings/22-19.htm)Micaiah continued, “Therefore hear the word of the Lord: I saw the Lord sitting on his throne with all the multitudes of heaven standing around him on his right and on his left. [**20**](http://biblehub.com/1_kings/22-20.htm)And the Lord said, ‘Who will entice Ahab into attacking Ramoth Gilead and going to his death there?’ “One suggested this, and another that. [**21**](http://biblehub.com/1_kings/22-21.htm)Finally, a spirit came forward, stood before the Lord and said, ‘I will entice him.’ [**22**](http://biblehub.com/1_kings/22-22.htm)“ ‘By what means?’ the Lord asked. “ ‘I will go out and be a deceiving spirit in the mouths of all his prophets,’ he said. “ ‘You will succeed in enticing him,’ said the Lord. ‘Go and do it.’ [**23**](http://biblehub.com/1_kings/22-23.htm)“So now the Lord has put a deceiving spirit in the mouths of all these prophets of yours. The Lord has decreed disaster for you.”

2. Revelation 16:12-16

The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the East. [**13**](http://biblehub.com/revelation/16-13.htm)Then I saw three impure spirits that looked like frogs; they came out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet. [**14**](http://biblehub.com/revelation/16-14.htm)They are demonic spirits that perform signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty. [**15**](http://biblehub.com/revelation/16-15.htm)“Look, I come like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake and remains clothed, so as not to go naked and be shamefully exposed.” [**16**](http://biblehub.com/revelation/16-16.htm)Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.