

# 1 Peter 3

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## **Submission of Wives and Husbands**

<sup>1</sup> Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;

<sup>2</sup> While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.

<sup>3</sup> Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;

<sup>4</sup> But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

<sup>5</sup> For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:

<sup>6</sup> Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.

<sup>7</sup> Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

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## **Suffering for Righteousness**

<sup>8</sup> Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:

<sup>9</sup> Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.

**10** For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:

**11** Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it.

**12** For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.

**13** And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?

**14** But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;

**15** But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

**16** Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.

**17** For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.

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### **Christ's Death and Triumph**

**18** For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

**19** By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;

**20** Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

**21** The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

<sup>22</sup> Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

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## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

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### Angel — ἄγγελος (Angelos)

Angel, messenger

The Greek **angelos** (ἄγγελος) means angel or messenger. Angels announced Christ's birth (Luke 2:9-14), ministered to Him (Matthew 4:11), and will accompany His return (Matthew 25:31).

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### God — Θεός (Theos)

God

The Greek **Theos** (Θεός) refers to deity, used both for the one true God and false gods. Context determines whether it denotes the Father specifically or the Godhead generally.

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### Grace — χάρις (Charis)

Grace, favor

The Greek **charis** (χάρις) denotes unmerited divine favor—God's kindness toward the undeserving. Salvation is 'by grace through faith' (Ephesians 2:8), not human merit.

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### Heaven — οὐρανός (Ouranos)

Heaven, sky

The Greek **ouranos** (οὐρανός) denotes heaven—God's throne and the believer's eternal home. Jesus taught His disciples to pray 'Our Father which art in heaven' (Matthew 6:9) and promised to prepare a place there (John 14:2).

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### Holy — ἅγιος (Hagios)

Holy, sacred, set apart

The Greek **hagios** (ἅγιος) denotes holiness—moral purity and separation unto God. Believers are called 'saints' (hagioi), those set apart for God through Christ's sanctifying work.

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### Hope — ἐλπίς (Elpis)

Hope, expectation

The Greek **elpis** (ἐλπίς) denotes hope—confident expectation of good. This hope is 'an anchor of the soul' (Hebrews 6:19), grounded in Christ's resurrection and the believer's future inheritance (1 Peter 1:3-4).

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### Lord — Κύριος (Kurios)

Lord, Master

The Greek **Kurios** (Κύριος) means 'lord' or 'master,' used both for human masters and divinely for God the Father and Jesus Christ. Its application to Jesus affirms His deity, as it translates YHWH in the Septuagint.

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### Love — ἀγάπη (Agape)

Divine love

The Greek **agape** (ἀγάπη) denotes self-sacrificial, unconditional love—the highest form of love, characterizing God's nature (1 John 4:8) and the love Christians are called to demonstrate.

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**Resurrection — ἀνάστασις (Anastasis)**

Resurrection, rising

The Greek **anastasis** (ἀνάστασις) means resurrection—rising from death to life. Christ's resurrection is the 'firstfruits' (1 Corinthians 15:20), guaranteeing believers' future bodily resurrection and victory over death.

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**Righteous — δίκαιος (Dikaios)**

Righteous, just

The Greek **dikaïos** (δίκαιος) means righteous or just—conforming to God's standard. Christ's righteousness is imputed to believers through faith (Romans 4:5), making them legally righteous before God.

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**Save — σώζω (Sozo)**

To save, deliver, heal

The Greek **sozo** (σώζω) means to save—deliverance from sin, death, and judgment. 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved' (Acts 16:31). The word also encompasses physical healing and spiritual wholeness.

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**Sin — ἁμαρτία (Hamartia)**

Sin, missing the mark

The Greek **hamartia** (ἁμαρτία) means sin—missing the target of God's perfection. 'All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God' (Romans 3:23), requiring Christ's atoning sacrifice.

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**Spirit — πνεῦμα (Pneuma)**

Spirit, wind, breath

The Greek **pneuma** (πνεῦμα) means spirit, wind, or breath—the immaterial aspect of persons. The Holy Spirit (Pneuma Hagion) is the third person of the Trinity, dwelling in believers.

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**Word — λόγος (Logos)**

Word, reason, message

The Greek **Logos** (Λόγος) means word, reason, or message—the rational principle underlying reality. John identifies Christ as the eternal Logos: 'In the beginning was the Word' (John 1:1).

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**CROSS REFERENCES**

**1 Peter 3:1** **Parallel theme:** 1 Peter 3:7; Genesis 3:16; Matthew 18:15; 1 Corinthians 7:16; 11:3; Ephesians 5:33; Colossians 3:18. **Word:** Romans 7:2; 1 Corinthians 14:34

**1 Peter 3:2** **Parallel theme:** 1 Peter 1:15; 2:12; Ephesians 5:33; 6:5; Philippians 1:27; 3:20; Colossians 3:22; 2 Peter 3:11

**1 Peter 3:3** **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 61:10; Jeremiah 4:30; Romans 12:2

**1 Peter 3:4**

**References God:** Romans 7:22; Colossians 3:12. **Parallel theme:** 1 Samuel 16:7; Matthew 11:29; 23:26; 2 Corinthians 4:16; Ephesians 4:2; 1 Thessalonians 4:11; Titus 3:2. **Spirit:** Romans 2:29

**1 Peter 3:5** **Faith:** 1 Timothy 5:5. **Holy:** 1 Timothy 5:10

**1 Peter 3:6** **References Lord:** Genesis 18:12. **Parallel theme:** Genesis 18:15; Isaiah 57:11; Acts 4:19

**1 Peter 3:7** **Parallel theme:** Matthew 18:19; 1 Corinthians 7:3; Ephesians 5:33; Colossians 3:19; 1 Thessalonians 4:4

**1 Peter 3:8** **Love:** 1 Peter 1:22; Romans 12:10; Ephesians 4:2; Colossians 3:12; 1 John 3:14. **Parallel theme:** Zechariah 7:9; Matthew 18:33; Acts 4:32; 1 Corinthians 12:26; James 3:17

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**1 Peter 3:10** **Parallel theme:** 1 Peter 2:22; Proverbs 3:2; 3:18; 4:22; 8:35; John 1:47; James 1:26; Revelation 14:5. **Evil:** 1 Peter 2:1. **Love:** John 12:25

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**1 Peter 3:13** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 15:9; 16:7; 1 Corinthians 14:1; Ephesians 5:1. **Good:** Psalms 38:20; Romans 8:28; 13:3; 1 Thessalonians 5:15; 1 Timothy 5:10; 3 John 1:11

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### **1 Peter 3:15**

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**1 Peter 3:16** **Evil:** 1 Peter 2:12; Matthew 5:11; Titus 2:8. **Good:** 1 Peter 3:21; 1 Timothy 1:5; Hebrews 13:18. **Parallel theme:** 1 Peter 2:15; 2:19; Acts 24:16. **References Christ:** Romans 9:1

**1 Peter 3:17** **Parallel theme:** 1 Peter 3:14; Matthew 26:39; Acts 21:14. **References God:** 1 Peter 2:20; 4:19

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**1 Peter 3:20** **References God:** Genesis 6:5; Hebrews 11:7. **Salvation:** 2 Peter 2:5. **Parallel theme:** Genesis 6:3; 7:13; 8:18; Matthew 7:14

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**Salvation:** Mark 16:16. **Baptism:** Acts 2:38; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Galatians 3:27. **Resurrection:** 1 Peter 1:3; Acts 22:16; Colossians 2:12. **Parallel theme:** Matthew 28:19; Ephesians 5:26. **References Christ:** Hebrews 9:24

**1 Peter 3:22** **Creation:** Hebrews 6:20; 9:24. **References God:** Mark 16:19; Romans 8:34; Colossians 3:1; Hebrews 10:12; 12:2. **Parallel theme:** Romans 8:38; Hebrews 1:3; 8:1

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