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B1 Salutation 1:1-2

C1 The author: Peter, an apostle ("sent one") of Jesus Christ 1:1a

C2 The recipients 1:1b-2

B2 Exultant Blessings (toward God the Father, who has given us new birth) 1:3-6a

C1 To a living hope 1:3

C2 To an incorruptible inheritance 1:4

C3 To a salvation ready to be unveiled at the last time 1:5

B3 Present Grieving (over trials designed for proving your faith for Christ's honor and glory at His unveiling) 1:6b-7

C1 The nature of the trials: many different kinds 1:6b

C2 The focus of the trials: the proving of your exceedingly valuable faith 1:7a

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C1 Girding up the loins of your mind 1:13

C2 Being sober

- C3 Hope completely
- C4 As children of obedience 1:14
- C5 Not conforming yourselves to your former ignorant, strong desires

B2 Become Holy Since God is Holy 1:15-16

- C1 The motivation: The One having called you is holy 1:15
- C2 The command: So be yourselves also holy
- C3 The sphere: In all conduct
- C4 The basis: Previous Scripture [Lev. 11:14,15; 19:2; 20:7] 1:16

B3 Pass Your Temporary Time in Fear of Judgment 1:17-21

- C1 Live in fear 1:17
- C2 Know your redemption 1:18-21

B4 Love One Another (as those regenerated by God's imperishable nature through His eternal Word) 1:22-25

- C1 Their past action: They have purified their souls 1:22
- C2 Their present command: Love one another
- C3 Their present enablement: They have been made alive (regenerated) 1:23
- C4 Their need for enablement 1:24-25

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- C1 Putting away evil (as those who love -- see 1:22-25) 2:1
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B6 Abstain from Fleshly Lusts 2:11-12

- C1 Because we are sojourners/aliens on this planet (Satan's kingdom) 2:11a
- C2 Because these war against the soul 2:11b
- C3 So that nations may glorify God in the day of His visitation 2:12

B7 Submit to Human Ordinances 2:13-16

- C1 The Divine motivation: "For the Lord's sake" [cf. Romans 13:1-7] 2:13a
- C2 The areas of application: Various levels of government 2:13b-14a
- C3 The human motivation: "To silence ignorant and foolish men" 2:15
- C4 The attitude: "As free, but slaves of God" 2:16

B8 Maintain Proper Attitudes 2:17

- C1 Honor all men
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- C3 Fear God
- C4 Honor the King

B9 House Servants: Submit to All Kinds of Masters 2:18

B10 Suffer Injustice for the Sake of a Good Conscience toward God 2:19-25

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- C2 The conduct of husbands 3:7

B12 The Goal of All Interpersonal Relationships 3:8

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 - C1 Realize you're blessed/happy 3:14a
 - C2 Don't be afraid 3:14b
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 - C5 Maintain a clear conscience to shame those abusing you for your good conduct in Christ 3:16
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 - C1 It's God's will 3:17
 - C2 Christ innocently *died* for sins to bring us to God 3:18-22
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 - C1 The command to accept suffering as a means to cease from sin 4:1
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 - B4 Miscellaneous Instructions 4:7-11**
 - C1 Be sane-minded 4:7
 - C2 Love each other 4:8
 - C3 Be hospitable 4:9
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 - B5 Expect Suffering 4:12-19**
 - C1 Don't be surprised by trials occurring to you 4:12
 - C2 Rather rejoice 4:13
 - C3 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, you are blessed 4:14
 - C4 Let none of you suffer as a wrong-doer 4:15

- C5 If anyone suffers as a Christian 4:16
- C6 Consider the time of judgment 4:17
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