



Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.

Therefore,
prepare your minds
for action,
keep sober in spirit,
fix your hope completely
on the grace
to be brought to you
at the revelation of
Jesus Christ.

I Peter 1:13





As obedient children, do not be conformed
to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance,
but like the Holy One who called you,
be holy yourselves also in all your behavior;
because it is written,

“YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.”

1 Peter 1:14-16

You were not redeemed
with perishable things like silver or gold
from your futile way of life
inherited from your forefathers,
but with precious blood,
as of a lamb unblemished and spotless,
the blood of Christ.

1 Peter 1:18-19



*Like newborn babies,
long for the pure milk
of the word,
so that by it you may grow
in respect to salvation.*

1 Peter 2:2



You are a chosen race,
a royal priesthood,
a holy nation,
a people for God's own possession,
so that you may proclaim
the excellencies of Him
who has called you out of darkness
into His marvelous light!

1 Peter 2:9



He Himself bore our sins
in His body on the cross,
so that we might die to sin
and live to righteousness;
for by His wounds you were healed.

For you were continually
straying like sheep,
but now you have returned
to the Shepherd and Guardian
of your souls.

1 Peter 2:24-25





Your adornment must not be merely external – braiding the hair and wearing gold jewelry or putting on dresses; but let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God.

1 Peter 3:3-4

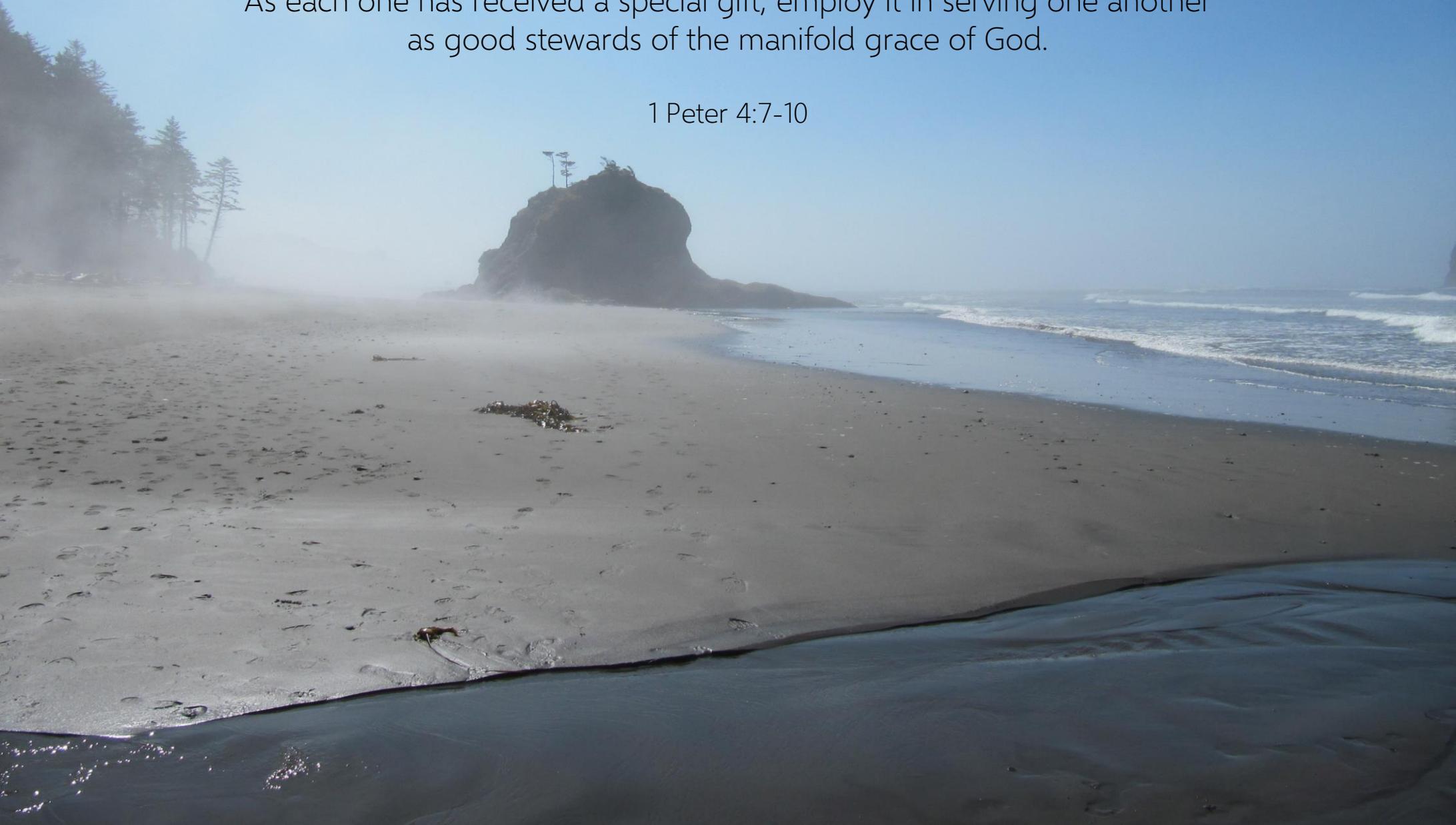


Sanctify Christ as Lord
in your hearts,
always being ready
to make a defense
to everyone who asks you
to give an account
for the hope that is in you,
yet with gentleness
and reverence.

I Peter 3:15

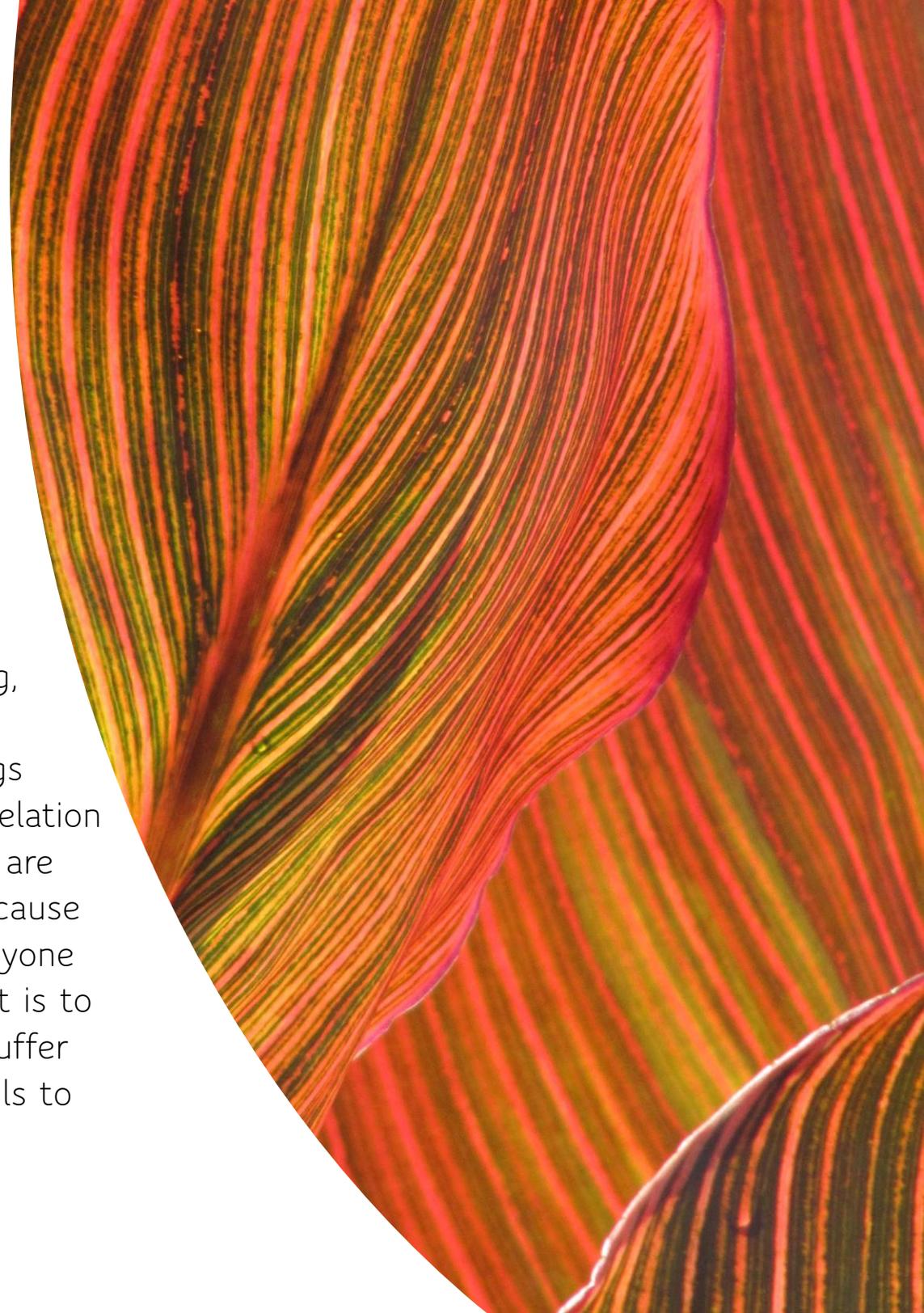
The end of all things is near;
therefore, be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer.
Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another,
because love covers a multitude of sins.
Be hospitable to one another without complaint.
As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another
as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

1 Peter 4:7-10



Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you If anyone suffers as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name Therefore, those who suffer according to the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right.

1 Peter 4:12-14,16,19





Therefore, humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you. Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world. After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To Him be dominion forever and ever. Amen.