



**1 <sup>13</sup>Therefore, prepare your minds for action,  
keep sober in spirit, set your hope  
completely on the grace to be brought to  
you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>14</sup>As  
obedient children, do not be conformed to  
the former lusts which were yours in your  
ignorance, <sup>15</sup>but like the Holy One who  
called you, be holy yourselves also in all  
your behavior; <sup>16</sup>because it is written: “YOU  
SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.”**



***17 If you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay on earth; 18 knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, 19 but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.***

***20 For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you  
21 who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.***



***22 Since you have purified your souls in obedience to the truth for a sincere love of the brothers and sisters, fervently love one another from the heart, 23 for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable, but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God.***

***24 For,***

***”ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS,  
AND ALL ITS GLORY IS LIKE THE FLOWER  
OF GRASS.***

***THE GRASS WITHERS,  
AND THE FLOWER FALLS OFF,  
25 BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES  
FOREVER.”***

***And this is the word which was preached to  
you.***



***2*** <sup>1</sup>*Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander,* <sup>2</sup>*and like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation,* <sup>3</sup>*if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.*

