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Chapter Breakup...

- Chapter 1

- v1-2: Introduction and Greeting
- v3-5: Blessings to God – appreciation for a *“living hope”*
- v6-9: This produces the faith that endures trial’s refining work for salvation
- v10-12: Even the prophets and angels tried to understand this and witnessed it
- v13-17: Such an amazing privilege brings responsibility to live like God
- v18-21: Because we have been redeemed by Jesus from that old life
- v22-25: Being born again by God’s eternal incorruptible word means a life that rejects the natural man’s corruptible direction

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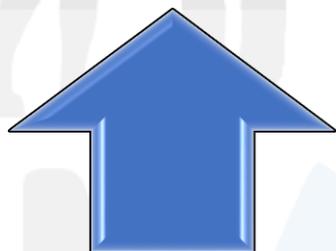
Peter's Introduction (Verse 1)

- Peter¹ an Apostle² of Jesus Christ³

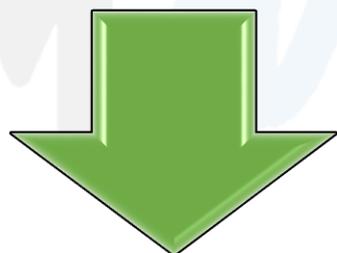
- GK “rock” (Petros)

1. Adopts name/identity given by Christ (John 1v35-42)
2. Defines himself according to what Christ Made him (Matt 10v2, John 21)
3. Based on the rock that is Jesus as the Messiah (Matt 16v18, 1 Pet 2v6)

- To the elect¹ sojourners² (INT)



1. *Chosen, picked out* – shows our position towards God (1v2, 2v4^{JC}, 6^{JC}, 9)



2. *Strangers & Pilgrims* (2v11) – shows our position towards the world (1v17)

Both relate to how we BEHAVE

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Why “Chosen”?

We learn that Peter was called by his brother Andrew. Why is this important? (See **Matthew 16:17** and **John 6:68-70**).

“Then Simon Peter answered him... and we believe and are sure that you are that Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?”

Peter...its not YOU that has believed ... it is I/ME that has chosen you

You didn't choose me...I chose you!

“Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain”

(John 15v16)

“Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins...We love him, because he first loved us”

(1 John 4v10, 19)

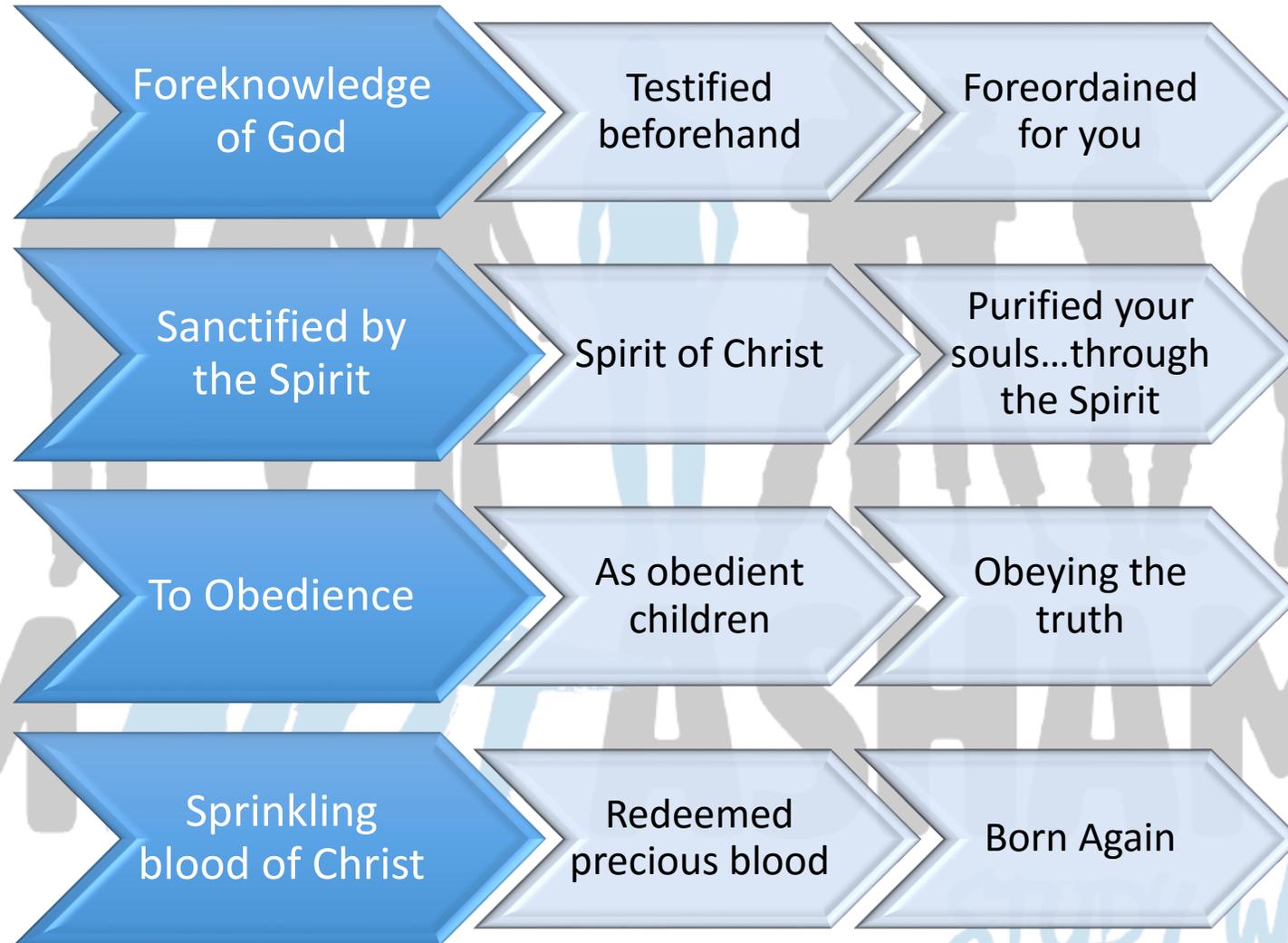
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“Scattered Abroad” (Verse 1)



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Symmetry of Chapter 1



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Keys of v2

Based on Exodus 24v3-12

- Peter, to the chosen pilgrims...WHO
 - By God's foreknowledge
 - Through the eternal purpose of God
 - Who knows all things from the beginning (Acts 2v23, 15v18)
 - Have been sanctified by the Spirit
 - We are made holy and pure by the word of God (1 Pet 1v23)
 - Truth purifies us (John 17v17) CR Spirit = Word (John 6v63, Eph 5v26, 6v17). See Psalm 19v7-14
 - To be obedient to Jesus Christ
 - So our life will drastically change: we will submit to Jesus Christ and obey him
 - We were not chosen to go on living like we were (1v14, 2v1, 10) CR Ex 32
 - And be sprinkled by his blood
 - Because we have entered into a covenant relationship by his sacrifice
 - Being washed, forgiven, brought into covenant, redeemed, "*born again*" (v23) CR Heb 12v18-24

These keys are mirrored in 1 Pet 3v15-22

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God's Eternal Purpose

- **v2.** *“Foreknowledge”* (only other use **Acts 2v23**)
 - GK – Prognosis. To know beforehand, foresee, forethought
- **v11.** *“Testified beforehand”*
 - GK – to witness in advance, predict
- **v20.** *“Foreordained”*
 - “Foreknow” (**Rom 8v29**) , “Foreknew” (**Rom 11v2**) , “know before” (**1 Pet 3v17**)
- *“Chosen”* (x4)
- *“Eternal glory”* (**5v10**)

Peter knew from experience the power of foreknowledge...

“Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he” (**John 13v19, 14v29, 16v4**)

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Awesome God (Verse 3)

- **Blessed** — A distinct *Greek* word (eulogetos, “Blessed BE”) is used of God, from that used of man (eulogemenos, “Blessed IS”). (JFB)

- PRAISE...adoration, honour...

“Jesus saith unto her, Don’t cling to me; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.” (John 20v17)

- *“Lord Jesus Christ”*

- Acts 11v17

- First used by Peter! He is now Lord of ALL

- Dominion regained over ALL creation (Jew and Gentile). *Gen 1v26, Psa 8, Heb 2*

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Begotten us (v3) = Born Again (v23)

NATURAL BIRTH	SPIRITUAL BIRTH
No choice	Personal Choice
In Adam (First man, head of God's natural creation)	In Christ (First raised, head of God's spiritual creation)
<i>"By man came death"</i> <i>"As in Adam all die"</i>	<i>"By man came the resurrection of the dead"</i> <i>"So in Christ shall all be made alive"</i>
All Adam's descendants share the misfortunes that came upon him because of his sin, by no fault of our own... <i>"Concluded ALL under sin"</i>	All Christ's seed share the blessings that came upon Christ because of his obedience, by no righteousness of our own... <i>"gift by grace"</i>
Inherit a nature mortal because of sin and a bias or proneness towards sin	We will inherit a <i>"divine nature"</i> (2 Pet 1v4) that is <i>"incorruptible and undefiled"</i>
All will inevitably sin (<i>"fall short"</i>) and die	All will be washed, forgiven and <i>"quicken"</i> .
Physical relationship – leading to a 'spiritual' connection	Spiritual relationship – leading to a physical connection
<i>"That which is born of flesh is flesh"</i>	<i>"That which born of the spirit is spirit"</i>

"Living Hope..."

Being Born Again? (Verse 3)

MENTAL

God's word enlightens... shows sin as wrong... truth as right. Washes thinking.

Leads to REPENTANCE & FORGIVENESS

"Purified souls in obeying truth"

MORAL

Renovates mind... person submits to BAPTISM... Walks in *"newness of life"* with spiritual mind continually growing (1 Pet 2v2)... a *"new heart"* (Ezek 36v25-27)... *"right spirit"* (Psa 51)... *"Therefore be ye Holy for I am Holy"*

PHYSICAL

Ultimate change to IMMORTALITY... *"corruption into incorruption"*... *"partakers of divine nature"* (2 Pet 1v4).

Finding Perspective (Verse 5) *"for a season"*

= puny

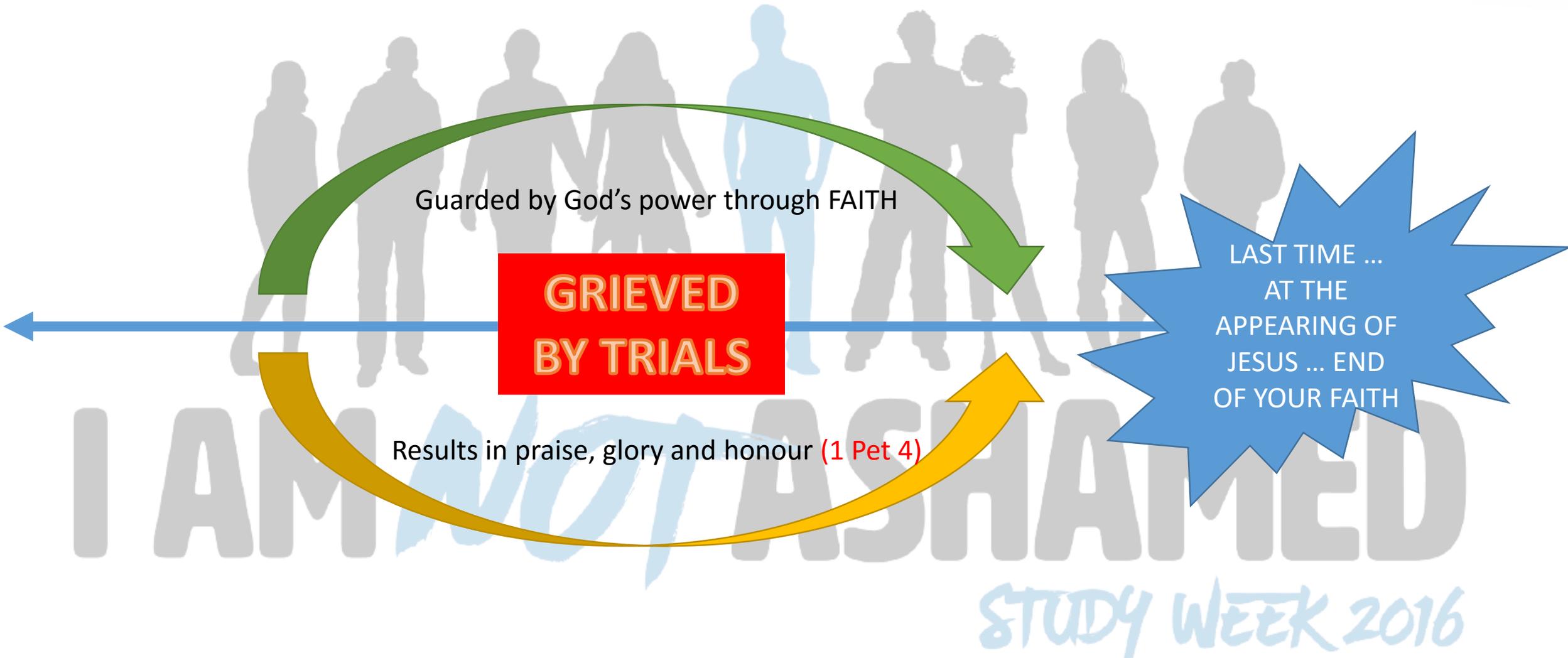


TRIALS

"Eternal purpose"

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Being Longsighted



Key Words

Revealed

GK: take off the cover

- 1v5
- 1v12
- 5v1
- *“There is nothing covered that will not be revealed” (Matt 10v26)*
- *“For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.” (Rom 8v18)*

Appearing

GK: disclose, manifestation, see

- 1v7
- 1v13
- 4v13
- *“Manifestation of the sons of God” (Rom 8v19)*
- *“Revelation of Jesus Christ, that God gave him” (Rev 1v1)*

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The “value” of Peter (Verse 7)

- Huge theme...

- “Inheritance”
- “reserved in heaven”
- “precious”
- “silver & gold” – trial and redemption
- “corruptible” things versus “incorruptible”
- “wearing gold & apparel”
- In the “sight of God great price”
- “filthy lucre”

“Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

(Matt 6v19-21)

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What we see (Verse 8 & 9)

Jesus will be revealed (uncovered) in the last days (v5) ...at the appearing of Jesus Christ (v7)

So... “though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls” (ESV)

“Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.” (John 20v29)

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Faith the Key (Verse 8 & 9)

- “Guarded through faith” (v5)
- “Testing the genuineness of your faith” (v7)
- “Obtaining the outcome of your faith” (v9)
 - We receive NOW the title to salvation and a taste of the joy it will bring...by FAITH! Rom 4v17
- “Your faith and hope might be in God” (v21)

“For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.” (2 Cor 4v17-18)

Walk by faith and not by sight

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Privileged People

- “Concerning *this salvation*, the *prophets* who prophesied about the *grace that was to be yours* searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. It was *revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you*, in the things that have now been *announced to you* through *those who preached* the good news *to you* by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, *things into which angels long to look.*” (v10-12 ESV)

GK: Investigate,
crave

GK: Seek out

GK: Examine
(used in Rom
8v27 “Search
the hearts”)

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Spirit of Christ

“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.”

(Col 1v15-17)

CR Heb 1v1-2

Genesis 1-3

Gen 14

Gen 22

Psa 16

Psa 22

1 Sam 17

2 Sam 7

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“Wherefore” (Verse 13-16)

How should we respond??

1. Prepare your mind for action – clear thinking.
2. Set your hope FULLY on the grace to be revealed
3. Don't be conformed to the lusts that drove your old way of life
4. Be Obedient and Holy to God

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Girdy up!

- *“Gird up the lions of your mind”*
 - With truth! **Eph 6v14**
 - Only used x3 in NT = **John 21v18, Acts 12v8** (all in reference to Peter!)
 - Reference to **Exodus 12**
 - *“a lamb”*
 - *“according to the number of souls”*
 - *“without blemish”*
 - *“take the blood”*
 - *“eat it...with your loins girded”*
 - *“Yahweh’s Passover”!*

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Be Holy...Like God

- “Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy¹. And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons² judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear³”

1. Quoted from Lev 11v44 (based on Christ's words in Matt 5v43-48)
 - Clean v Unclean
2. Peter's lesson in Acts 10
3. 1 Peter 2v11

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Be a Sanctuary

Lord prepare me
To be a sanctuary
Pure and Holy
Tried and True

With Thanksgiving
I will be a living
Sanctuary
For you

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