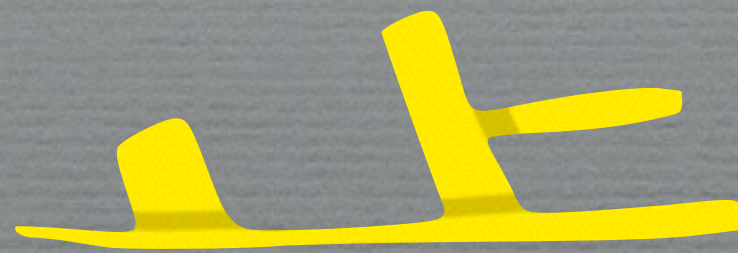


# Follow in His Steps



## 1. Peter

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# The Author - Peter

## *Follow in His Steps*

1. The Call of Peter - **John 1; Mk 1**
2. What does the call mean? Follow Me?
3. To the Cross - **Mat 16:24-26**
4. Name Change - **John 1:42; Mat 16:17-18**
5. Moments of Triumph & Failure
6. The Clarification of the Call **1 Cor 15; John 21**
7. Peter learns submission, restraint, humility.
8. Peter learns that Courage in enduring suffering is part of discipleship **Acts 4:19-20**

# The Location of Peter's Readers



Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered  
throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia  
*1 Peter 1:1*

# The Location of Peter's Readers



Asia & Bithynia were areas Paul was specifically prevented by the spirit from visiting on the second journey.

*Acts 16:6-7*

# The Location of Peter's Readers



Peter preached on the day of Pentecost to an audience which included visitors from “Pontus, Cappadocia and Asia”

*Acts 2:8*

# The Date of Writing

The evidence places the book at 65-67 AD

Probably after the Apostle Paul's execution.

Peter's own death was not far away.

Emperor Nero was on the throne.

The Fire of Rome was in AD64, the catalyst for a persecution of Christians at least until Nero's death in AD67.

# The Location of Writing

## Babylon - 1 Pet 5:13

This is probably code for Rome. This became a clear reference in Revelation and may have been used well beforehand.

The Roman authorities are symbolised as a roaring **lion** seeking whom they might devour (1 Peter 5:8). This is also probably code to avoid recriminations.

It is believed that Peter was martyred in Rome about AD67-68.

# Peter's Wife's Death

The apostle Peter's wife was martyred before him during the Neronian persecution at Rome. Clement writes in his Stromateus, "They relate that the blessed Peter, seeing his own wife led away to execution, was delighted on account of her calling and return to her country, and that he cried to her in a consolatory and encouraging voice, addressing her by name: 'Oh thou, remember ,the Lord!' Such was the marriage of these blessed ones, and such was their perfect affection towards their dearest friends."

# Peter's Wife's Death

Peter himself was crucified, but he requested that he be nailed to the cross upside down, thus, in a final act of humility, distinguishing himself from his Lord, whose death he felt unworthy to share.



Tacitus (AD 55-117)  
Writer of the *Annals* (AD116)

In 112 or 113 he held the highest civilian governorship, that of the Roman province of Asia in Western Anatolia, recorded in the inscription found at Mylasa.

# Tacitus (AD 55-117)

## *Annals*

In Book 15, Chapter 44 he writes:

Yet no human effort, no princely largess nor offerings to the gods could make that infamous rumor disappear that Nero had somehow ordered the fire. Therefore, in order to abolish that rumor, Nero falsely accused and executed with the most exquisite punishments those people called Christians, who were infamous for their abominations. The originator of the name, Christ, was executed as a criminal by the procurator Pontius Pilate during the reign of Tiberius; and though repressed, this destructive superstition erupted again, not only through Judea, which was the origin of this evil, but also through the city of Rome, to which all that is horrible and shameful floods together and is celebrated. Therefore, first those were seized who admitted their faith, and then, using the information they provided, a vast multitude were convicted, not so much for the crime of burning the city, but for hatred of the human race. And perishing they were additionally made into sports: they were killed by dogs by having the hides of beasts attached to them, or they were nailed to crosses or set aflame, and, when the daylight passed away, they were used as nighttime lamps. Nero gave his own gardens for this spectacle and performed a Circus game, in the habit of a charioteer mixing with the plebs or driving about the race-course. Even though they were clearly guilty and merited being made the most recent example of the consequences of crime, people began to pity these sufferers, because they were consumed not for the public good but on account of the fierceness of one man.

Translated by Richard Hooker

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Nero falsely directed the charge onto a set of people to whom the vulgar gave the name of Christians, and who were to be detested for the abominations they perpetrated.”

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There arose a feeling of compassion, for it was not,  
as it seemed, for the public good, but to satisfy one  
man’s cruelty that they were being destroyed.”

# Suetonius (AD 69-122)

## *The Lives of the Caesars*

In Nero 16, he writes:

16 [\[edit\]](#)

He devised a new form for the buildings of the city and in front of the houses and apartments he erected porches, from the flat roofs of which fires could be fought;<sup>[44]</sup> and these he put up at his own cost. He had also planned to extend the walls as far as Ostia and to bring the sea from there to Rome by a canal.

During his reign many abuses were severely punished and put down, and no fewer new laws were made: a limit was set to expenditures; the public banquets were confined to a distribution of food; the sale of any kind of cooked viands in the taverns was forbidden, with the exception of pulse and vegetables, whereas before every sort of dainty was exposed for sale.<sup>[45]</sup>

Punishment was inflicted on the Christians, a class of men given to a new and mischievous superstition. He put an end to the diversions of the chariot drivers, who from immunity of long standing claimed the right of ranging at large and amusing themselves by cheating and robbing the people. The pantomimic actors and their partisans were banished from the city.<sup>[46]</sup>

These persecutions are generally dated about AD 64 around the fire of Rome.

# The First Persecution, Under Nero, A.D. 67

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The first persecution of the Church took place in the year 67, under Nero, the sixth emperor of Rome. This monarch reigned for the space of five years, with tolerable credit to himself, but then gave way to the greatest extravagancy of temper, and to the most atrocious barbarities. Among other diabolical whims, he ordered that the city of Rome should be set on fire, which order was executed by his officers, guards, and servants. While the imperial city was in flames, he went up to the tower of Macaenas, played upon his harp, sung the song of the burning of Troy, and openly declared that 'he wished the ruin of all things before his death.' Besides the noble pile, called the Circus, many other palaces and houses were consumed; several thousands perished in the flames, were smothered in the smoke, or buried beneath the ruins.

This dreadful conflagration continued nine days; when Nero, finding that his conduct was greatly blamed, and a severe odium cast upon him, determined to lay the whole upon the Christians, at once to excuse himself, and have an opportunity of glutting his sight with new cruelties. This was the occasion of the first persecution; and the barbarities exercised on the Christians were such as even excited the commiseration of the Romans themselves. Nero even refined upon cruelty, and contrived all manner of punishments for the Christians that the most infernal imagination could design. In particular, he had some sewed up in skins of wild beasts, and then worried by dogs until they expired; and others dressed in shirts made stiff with wax, fixed to axletrees, and set on fire in his gardens, in order to illuminate them. This persecution was general throughout the whole Roman Empire; but it rather increased than diminished the spirit of Christianity. In the course of it, St. Paul and St. Peter were martyred.

To their names may be added, Erastus, chamberlain of Corinth; Aristarchus, the Macedonian, and Trophimus, an Ephesian, converted by St. Paul, and fellow-laborer with him, Joseph, commonly called Barsabas, and Ananias, bishop of Damascus; each of the Seventy.

# Pliny the Younger

Gaius Plinius Caecilius Secundus, born Gaius Caecilius or Gaius Caecilius Cilo (61 – c. 113), better known as Pliny the Younger, was a lawyer, author, and magistrate of Ancient Rome.

Pliny's uncle, Pliny the Elder, helped raise and educate him. Both Pliny the Elder and Younger were witnesses to the eruption of Vesuvius on August 24, 79 AD, during which the former died.

His guardian and preceptor in charge of his education was Lucius Verginius Rufus, famed for quelling a revolt against Nero in 68 AD.

# Pliny the Younger

Pliny the Younger was governor of Pontus and Bithynia from 111-113 CE. We have a whole set of exchanges of his letters with the emperor Trajan on a variety of administrative political matters. These two letters are the most famous, in which Pliny the Younger encounters Christianity for the first time.

# Pliny the Younger to the Emperor Trajan

It is my practice, my lord, to refer to you all matters concerning which I am in doubt. For who can better give guidance to my hesitation or inform my ignorance? I have never participated in trials of Christians. I therefore do not know what offenses it is the practice to punish or investigate, and to what extent. And I have been not a little hesitant as to whether there should be any distinction on account of age or no difference between the very young and the more mature; whether pardon is to be granted for repentance, or, if a man has once been a Christian, it does him no good to have ceased to be one; whether the name itself, even without offenses, or only the offenses associated with the name are to be punished.

Meanwhile, in the case of those who were denounced to me as Christians, I have observed the following procedure: I interrogated these as to whether they were Christians; those who confessed I interrogated a second and a third time, threatening them with punishment; those who persisted I ordered executed. For I had no doubt that, whatever the nature of their creed, stubbornness and inflexible obstinacy surely deserve to be punished. There were others possessed of the same folly; but because they were Roman citizens, I signed an order for them to be transferred to Rome.

Soon accusations spread, as usually happens, because of the proceedings going on, and several incidents occurred. An anonymous document was published containing the names of many persons. Those who denied that they were or had been Christians, when they invoked the gods in words dictated by me, offered prayer with incense and wine to your image, which I had ordered to be brought for this purpose together with statues of the gods, and moreover cursed Christ--none of which those who are really Christians, it is said, can be forced to do--these I thought should be discharged. Others named by the informer declared that they were Christians, but then denied it, asserting that they had been but had ceased to be, some three years before, others many years, some as much as twenty-five years. They all worshipped your image and the statues of the gods, and cursed Christ.

They asserted, however, that the sum and substance of their fault or error had been that they were accustomed to meet on a fixed day before dawn and sing responsively a hymn to Christ as to a god, and to bind themselves by oath, not to some crime, but not to commit fraud, theft, or adultery, not falsify their trust, nor to refuse to return a trust when called upon to do so. When this was over, it was their custom to depart and to assemble again to partake of food--but ordinary and innocent food. Even this, they affirmed, they had ceased to do after my edict by which, in accordance with your instructions, I had forbidden political associations. Accordingly, I judged it all the more necessary to find out what the truth was by torturing two female slaves who were called deaconesses. But I discovered nothing else but depraved, excessive superstition.

I therefore postponed the investigation and hastened to consult you. For the matter seemed to me to warrant consulting you, especially because of the number involved. For many persons of every age, every rank, and also of both sexes are and will be endangered. For the contagion of this superstition has spread not only to the cities but also to the villages and farms. But it seems possible to check and cure it. It is certainly quite clear that the temples, which had been almost deserted, have begun to be frequented, that the established religious rites, long neglected, are being resumed, and that from everywhere sacrificial animals are coming, for which until now very few purchasers could be found. Hence it is easy to imagine what a multitude of people can be reformed if an opportunity for repentance is afforded.

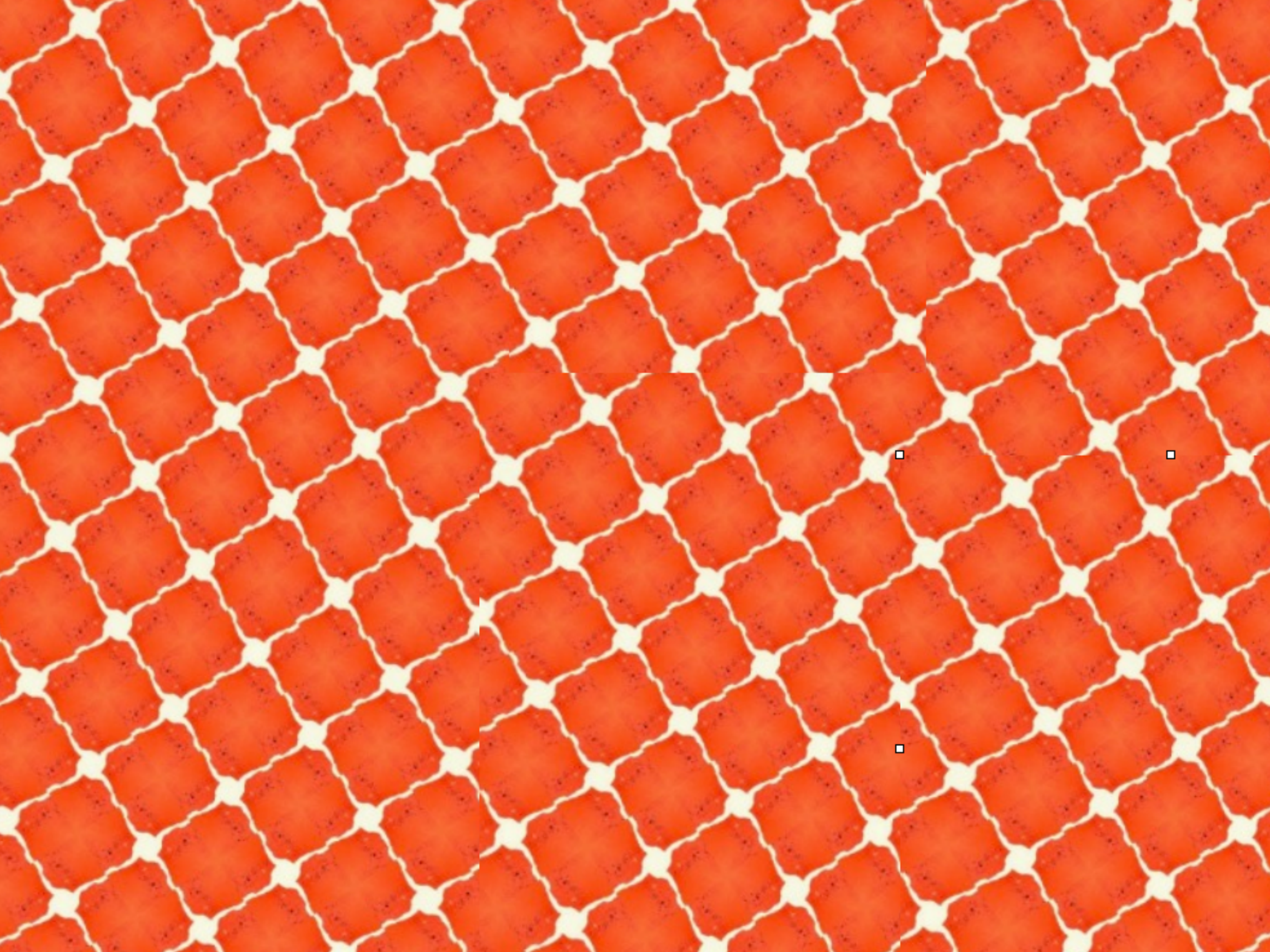
# Trajan to Pliny the Younger

You observed proper procedure, my dear Pliny, in sifting the cases of those who had been denounced to you as Christians. For it is not possible to lay down any general rule to serve as a kind of fixed standard. They are not to be sought out; if they are denounced and proved guilty, they are to be punished, with this reservation, that whoever denies that he is a Christian and really proves it--that is, by worshiping our gods--even though he was under suspicion in the past, shall obtain pardon through repentance. But anonymously posted accusations ought to have no place in any prosecution. For this is both a dangerous kind of precedent and out of keeping with the spirit of our age.









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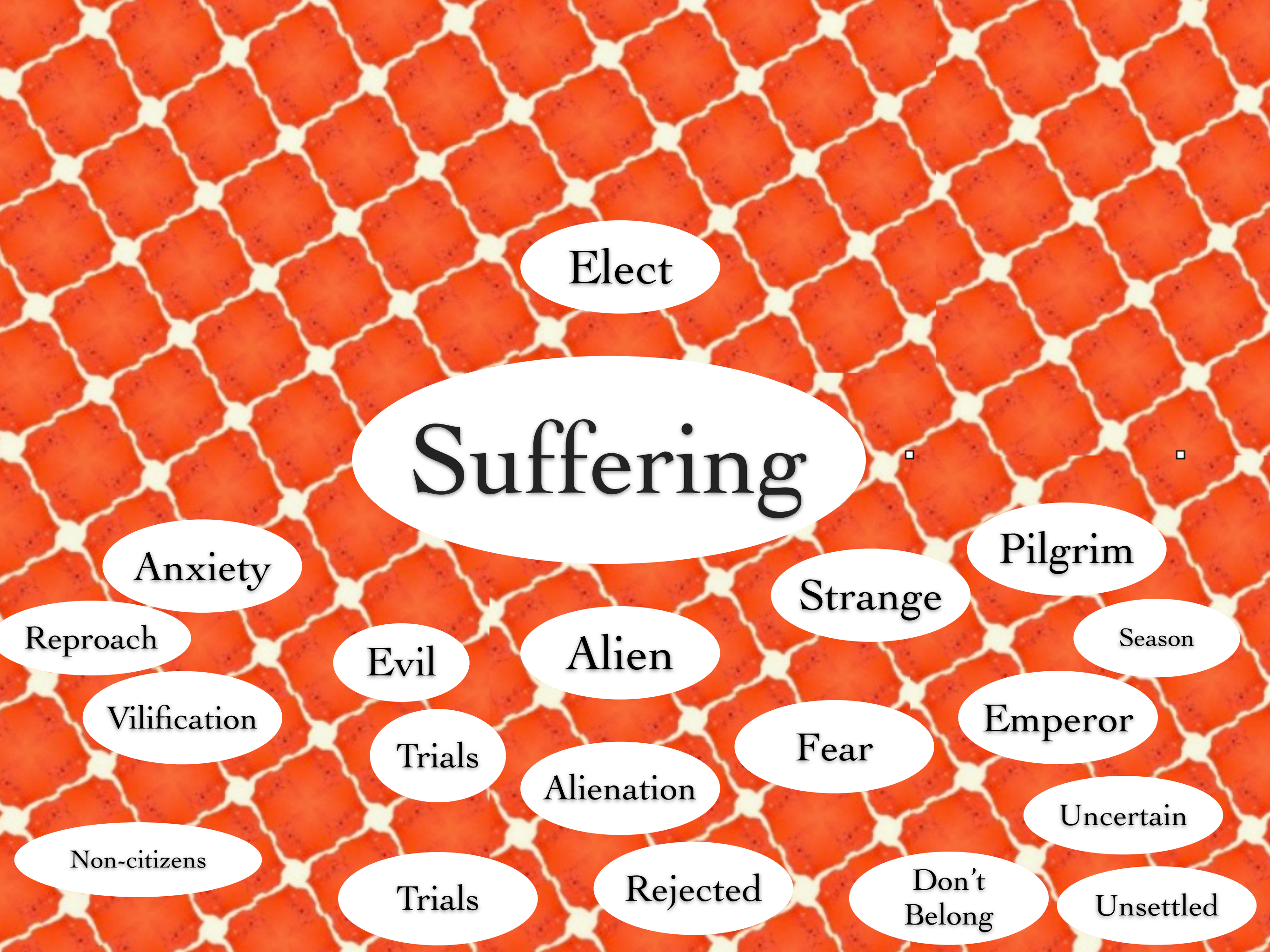
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Elect

Suffering

Alien



Elect

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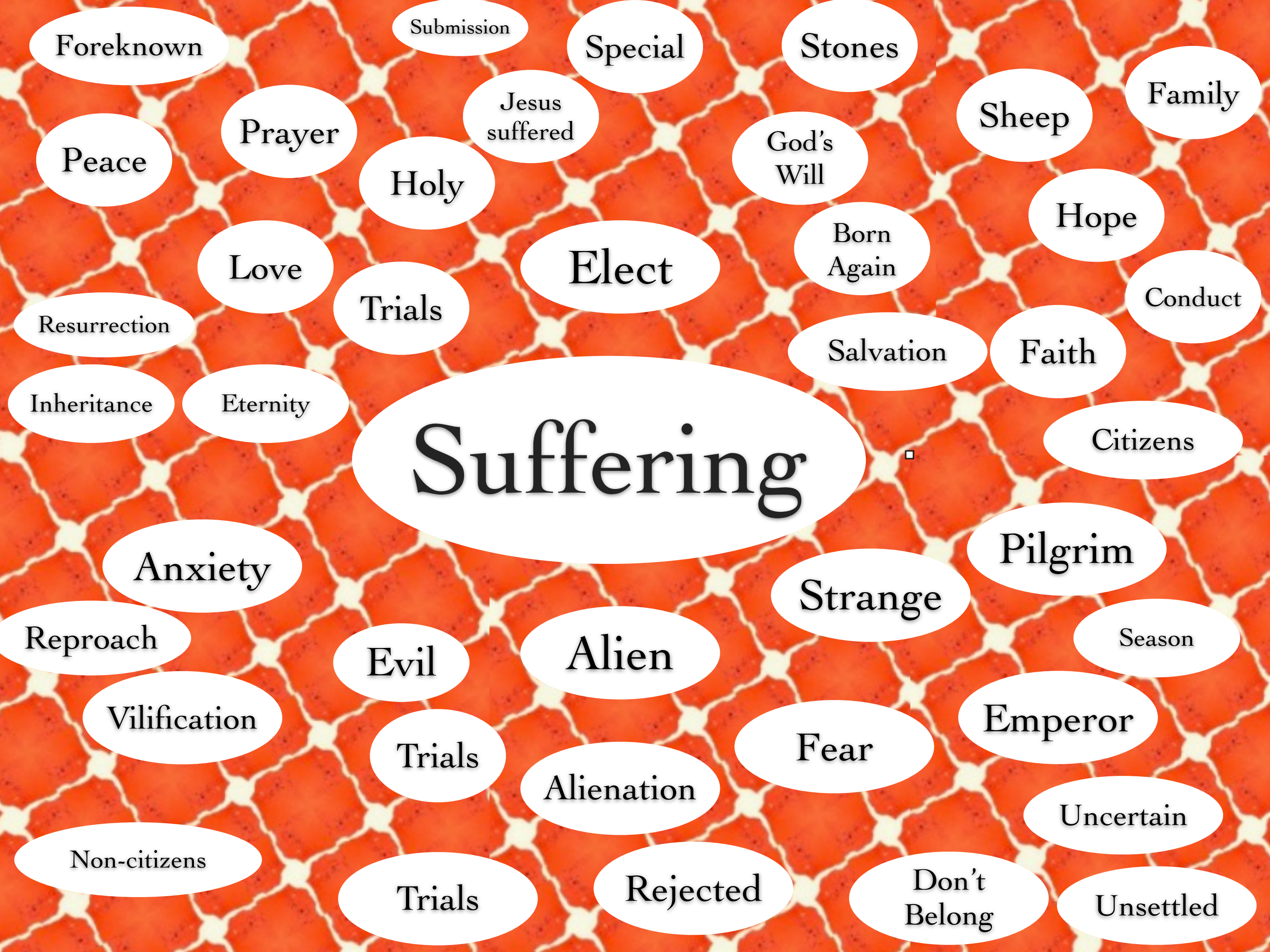
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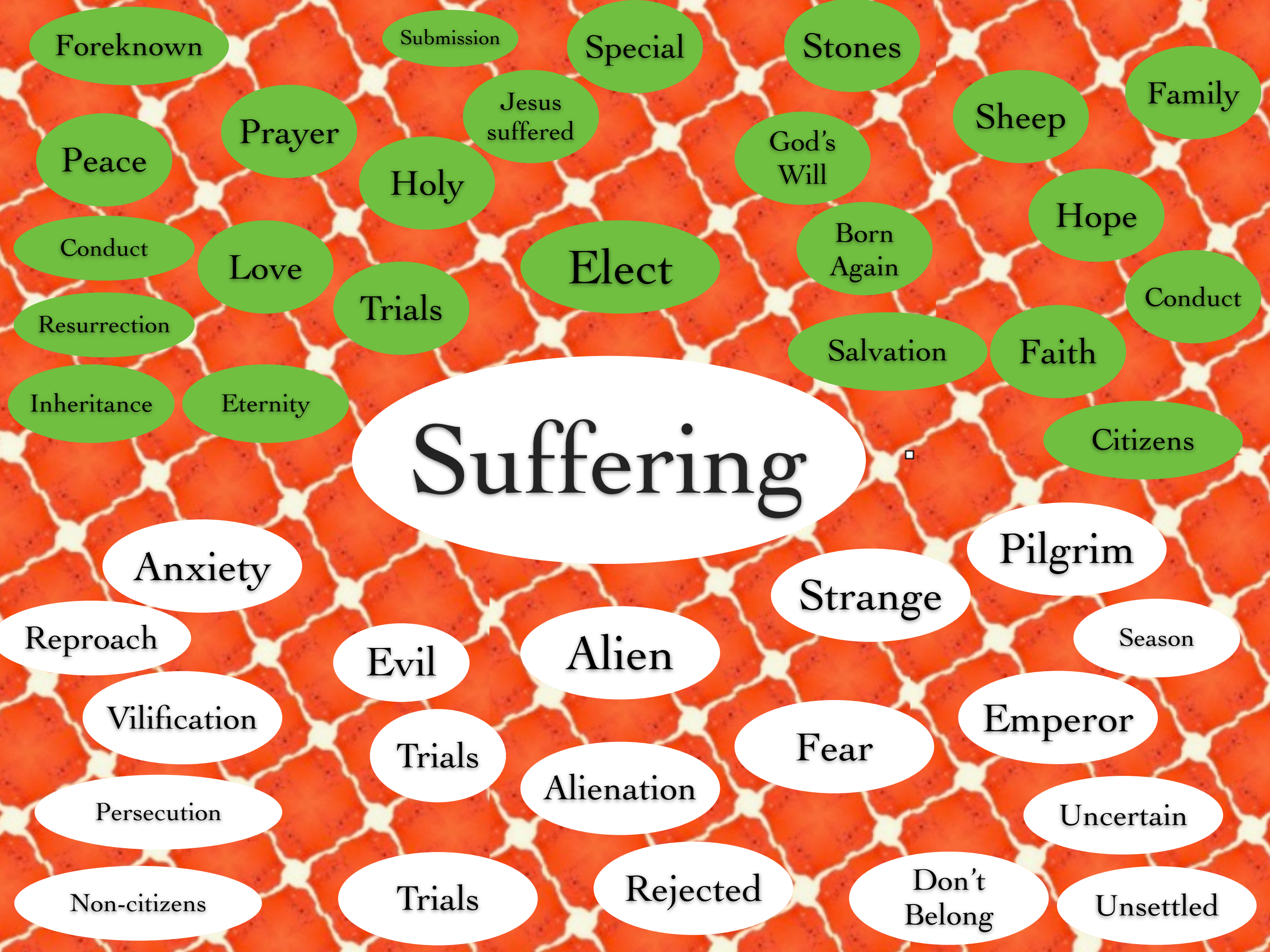
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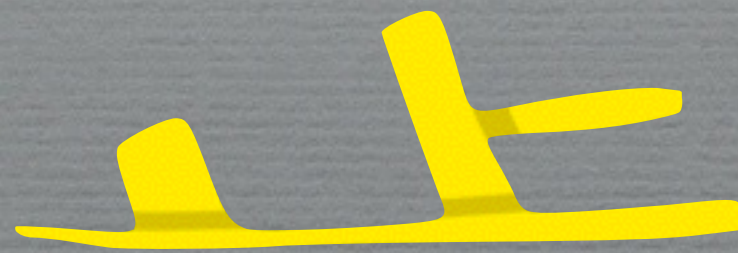
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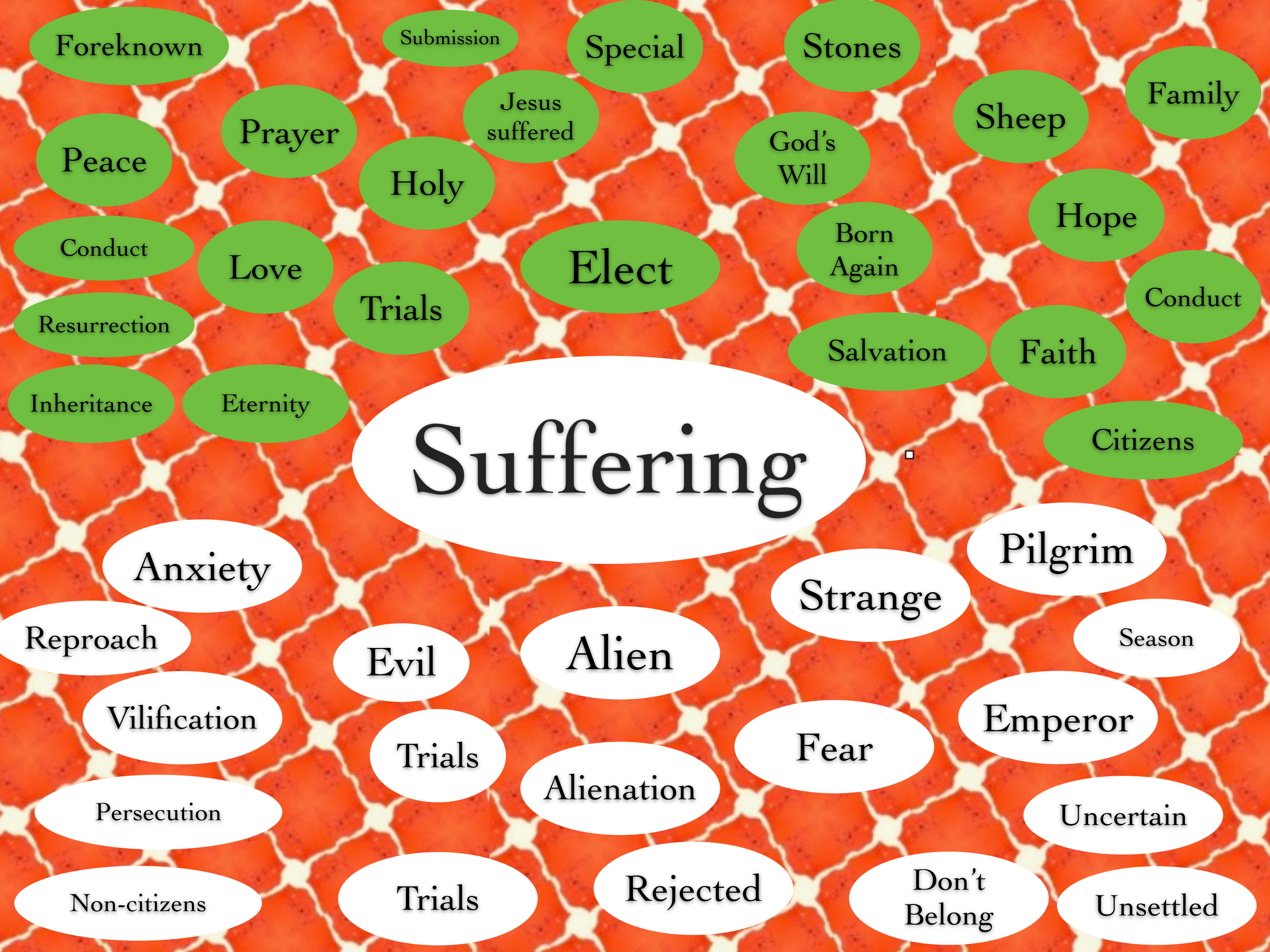
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# **1 Peter**

## **Verses about suffering**

1:6-12

2:11-12

3:9-22

4:1-6, 12-19

5:1,7-11

50 Verses out of 108 are dealing directly with suffering. The intervening verses are dealing indirectly with suffering in that Peter is explaining how to live faithful, hopeful and love-filled lives in the context of trial and suffering.

Aliens

Belonging

# **The TEN Blessings of 1 Peter 1:1-5**

1. Elect
2. Foreknown
3. Being Sanctified
4. Received the sprinkling of the blood of Christ
5. Abundant Mercy
6. Begotten Again of the Father
7. Living Hope
8. Inheritance Incorruptible
9. Kept by the Power of God Through faith
10. Unto Salvation ready to be Revealed at the Last Time

**Wherein ye greatly rejoice...(V6)**

# **The TEN Blessings of 1 Peter 1:1-5**

**Wherein ye greatly rejoice...(V6)**

**Contrasted With...**

**THOUGH...**

Now, for a season(something puny in duration Jam 4:14),  
if need be...

ye are in heaviness (distress, grief, sorrow, heavy-hearted)  
through manifold trials (proving)

# **If Need Be (1:6)**

If necessary.

Who decides that?

“if the will of God be so” (1 Pet 3:17)

Similar phrases... 3:14, 17; 4:14, 16. (IF)

## **1 Peter 1:7**

### **The Proving of Your Faith (refining)**

more precious than gold  
that perisheth  
though it be proved with fire

**might be found unto  
praise and honour and glory  
at the appearing of Jesus Christ**

## **1 Peter 1:8**

**Jesus Christ, a source of inexpressible and  
glorious joy, (NIV)**

Who, though you cannot see  
You believe

**receiving the END of your FAITH  
even the salvation of your souls**

**1 Peter 1:10-12**  
**Salvation**  
**How privileged we are!**

The **PROPHETS** enquired and searched  
diligently to understand  
WHEN it Messiah would come  
and they testified of Messiah that he would  
SUFFER before his GLORY  
THEY ministered to US - HOW special are we?

The **ANGELS** also desired to look into these things  
which we know know and understand.

## **1 Peter 1:13**

**What should we do therefore?**

Gird up the loins of our minds

Be sober

Hope unto the end

for the grace that is to be brought unto us  
at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

AND

Live a Holy Life (vv14-16)

Live like the special, chosen people that we are.

# Follow ME

**John 1** - Call to discipleship

“Follow Me” ... “I will make you fishers of men”

**John 21** - A renewed Call to discipleship

- Demonstration of Fish-catching
- Threefold commission - Feed My Sheep
- Following Me is going to mean suffering for you, Peter, unto death. By which death Peter would glorify God.

1 Peter 2:21-24

# Follow ME

1 Peter 2:21-24

For even hereunto were ye **called**: because Christ also **suffered** for us, leaving us an example, that ye should **follow his steps**:

- Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:
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- Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness:by whose stripes ye were healed.

For ye were **as sheep going astray**; but are now **returned** unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

# Classification of Types of Suffering

1. Physical
2. Mental
3. Emotional
4. Spiritual

# Classification of Causes of Suffering

1. Human Condition
2. Consequences of Sin
  - a) your own sins
  - b) another's sins
3. God imposes suffering
4. Suffering for being a Christian

# Classification of Purposes of Suffering

1. Suffering comes with the freedom to choose
2. Pain warns us of danger
3. Suffering reveals what is in our hearts
4. Pain loosens our grip on this life
5. Suffering reveals our vulnerabilities and provides us with an opportunity to develop trust
6. In times of crisis we are brought together
7. Suffering reminds us what Jesus did for us
8. Suffering makes us look forward to the Kingdom

# Purposes of Suffering

1. To teach us
2. To humble us
3. To test us
4. To prove us
5. To separate us
6. To bind us
7. To develop us
8. To perfect us

# Purposes of Suffering

Overarching purpose of suffering:

to Glorify God

2:12; 4:11,13,14,16,18

(it's not all about us)

# Follow ME

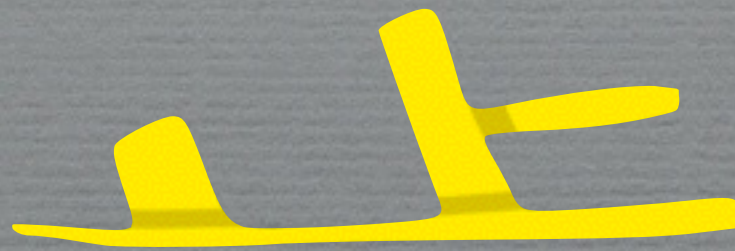
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# Analysis of 1 Peter

|           |                                        |
|-----------|----------------------------------------|
| 1:1-12    | The Blessings of being Chosen          |
| 1:13-2:3  | Living a Life of Holiness              |
| 2:4-10    | The Chosen Stone & The Chosen People   |
| 2:11-3:13 | How to live as strangers in this world |
| 3:14-22   | Fellowshipping Christ's sufferings     |
| 4:1-11    | Living for God                         |
| 4:12-5:14 | Living under fiery trial               |

# Fourfold Emphasis of our Holy Status

You are:

A Chosen Generation

A Royal Priesthood

An Holy Nation

A Peculiar People

1 Peter 2:9

Exod 19:6; Deut 10-12-22

# The Purpose of our Holy Status

You are:

A Chosen Generation

A Royal Priesthood

An Holy Nation

A Peculiar People

SO THAT...

Ye may shew forth the praises of Him who has called you out of darkness into this marvellous light.

1 Peter 2:9

# **Living as Holy, Chosen People**

1 Peter 1:13

Gird Up the Loins of Your Mind

Be Sober

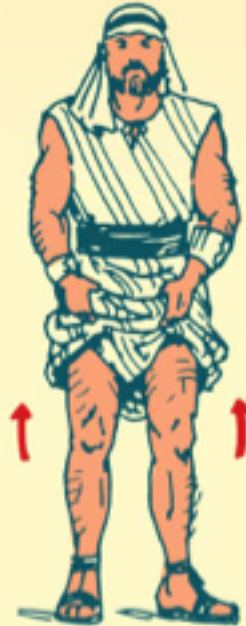
Hope to the End for the Grace that is to be brought

# Gird Up the Loins of Your Mind

1 Peter 1:13



1. The tunic wouldn't allow you to do heavy labor or fight in battle, necessitating the "girding" of one's loins.



2. First, hoist the tunic up so that all the fabric is above your knees. This will give you mobility.



3. Gather all the extra material in front of you, so that the back of the tunic is snug against your backside.



4. Once the excess fabric is gathered in front, pull it underneath and between your legs to your rear. This feels much like a diaper.



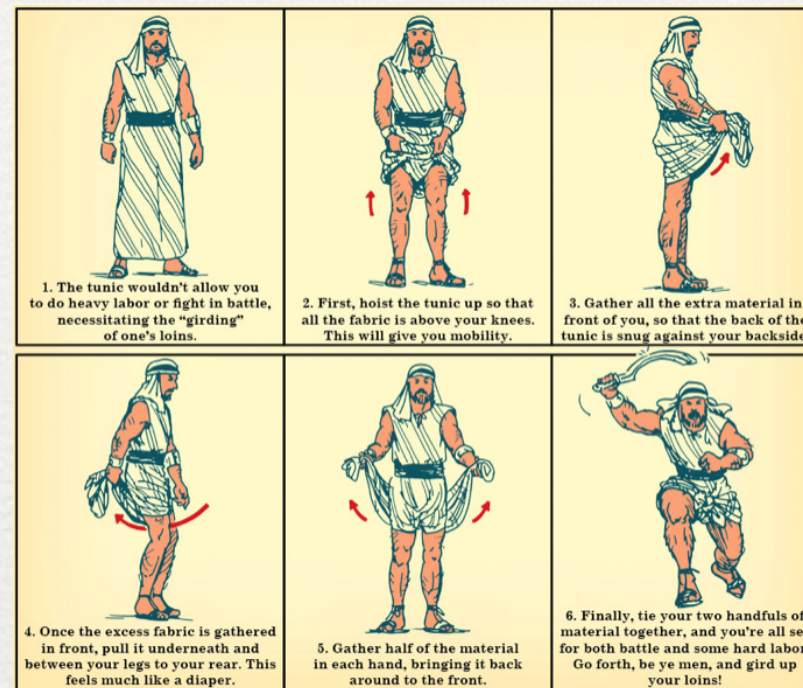
5. Gather half of the material in each hand, bringing it back around to the front.



6. Finally, tie your two handfuls of material together, and you're all set for both battle and some hard labor. Go forth, be ye men, and gird up your loins!

# Gird Up the Loins of Your Mind

1 Peter 1:13



## Preparation of Mind

2 Houses built - one can withstand the storm  
one is built on a firm foundation  
one is built on sand

# Gird Up the Loins of Your Mind

1 Peter 1:13

Passover Allusion - generation escaping Egypt

Exodus 12

11 And thus shall ye eat it; **with your loins girded**, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD'S passover.

12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD.

13 And **the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are:** and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

14 And this day shall be unto you for **a memorial**; and ye shall **keep it a feast to the LORD** throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.

# **Be Sober**

1 Peter 1:13

Self-controlled

Not intoxicated by the influences of the world

Crystal Clear thinking

Clarity of mind

Not addicted to dangerous habits of mind

Having healthy spiritual habits of mind

Such clarity of spiritual mindedness will lead to  
a life lived with clear spiritual purpose - holiness.

# Hope to the End

1 Peter 1:13

Our lives are lived TO THE END

This is a marathon journey, not a sprint

We cannot survive on hype and adrenalin

We must be committed to living a holy life until the day  
we die, or whatever 'the end' is for us.

We are not the rocky-ground seed.

We are the good-ground seed.

# Hope to the End

1 Peter 1:13

Mark 9:9-13

9 But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them.

10 And the gospel must first be published among all nations.

11 But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought (**anxious thought**) beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost.

12 Now the brother shall betray the brother to death, and the father the son; and children shall rise up against their parents, and shall cause them to be put to death.

13 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but **he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.**

# Living as Holy, Chosen People

1 Peter 1:14

14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

You have been born of God(1:3,23; 2:2-3)

You are part of God's family now

God is your father. Obey Him.

Think Like Him.

Live Like Him.

# Living as Holy, Chosen People

1 Peter 1:15

15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

**Manner of Conversation** =  
conduct, behaviour, way of life

sw v17 “pass the time”

V18 “conversation”

2:12

3:1, 2, 16

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ALL

your conduct, way of life

EVERY PART OF IT

Like God

# Living as Holy, Chosen People

1 Peter 1:16

16 Because it is written, **Be ye holy; for I am holy.**

Leviticus 11:44-45

also 19:2

20:7-8, 22-26

21:8

# Living as Holy, Chosen People

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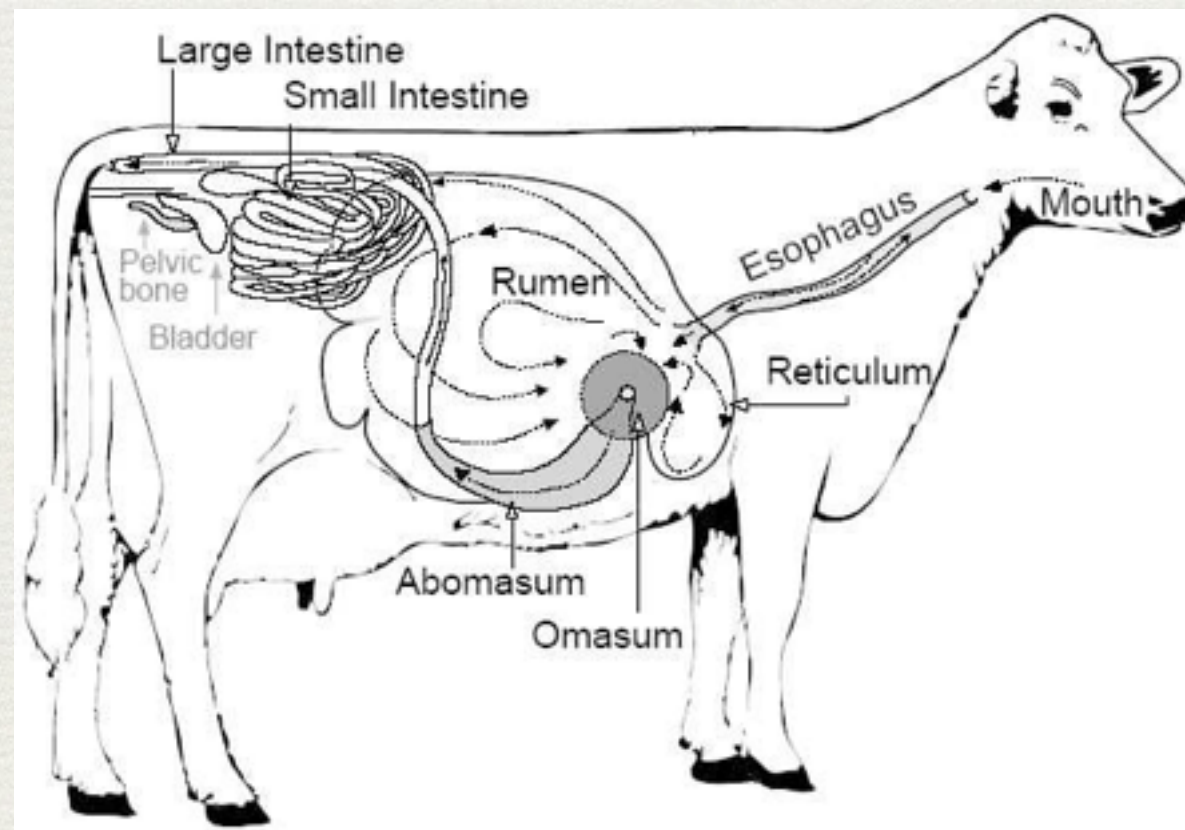
Chew the Cud

Divide the hoof

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Chew the cud



Animals that chew the cud are called “ruminants”

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Leviticus 11: Clean and Unclean Animals

Divide the hoof



Clean



Unclean

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Leviticus 11: Clean and Unclean Animals

Chew the Cud - ruminate, meditate on God's word

Divide the hoof - more surefooted

character & conduct  
spiritual mind and spiritual behaviour

# Living as Holy, Chosen People

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Leviticus 11: Clean and Unclean Animals

**Chew the cud  
Divide the Hoof**

“Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips;  
**meditate** on it day and night, so that you may be  
**careful to do** everything written in it.  
Then you will be prosperous and successful.”

(Joshua 1:8 NIV)

# Living as Holy, Chosen People

## Lev 11

44 For I am the LORD your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and **ye shall be holy; for I am holy**: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

45 For I am the LORD that bringeth you up **out** of the land of Egypt, to be your God: **ye shall therefore be holy, for I am holy**.

46 This is the law of the beasts, and of the fowl, and of every living creature that moveth in the waters, and of every creature that creepeth upon the earth:

47 **To make a difference between the unclean and the clean**, and between the beast that may be eaten and the beast that may not be eaten.

# Living as Holy, Chosen People

## Lev 20

22 Ye shall therefore **keep all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them:** that the land, whither I bring you to dwell therein, **spue you not out.**

23 And ye shall not **walk in the manners of the nation,** which I cast out before you: for they committed all these things, and therefore I abhorred them.

24 But I have said unto you, Ye shall inherit their land, and I will give it unto you to possess it, a land that floweth with milk and honey: I am the LORD your God, which have **separated you from other people.**

25 Ye shall therefore **put difference between clean beasts and unclean,** and between unclean fowls and clean: and ye shall not make your souls abominable by beast, or by fowl, or by any manner of living thing that creepeth on the ground, which I have **separated** from you as unclean.

26 And **ye shall be holy unto me: for I the LORD am holy,** and have **severed you from other people, that ye should be mine.**

# **Living as Holy, Chosen People**

What is the context of the laws of uncleanness?

Lev 11 follows immediately after Lev 10

The incident of Nadab and Abihu.

Lev 8-10 Consecration of the Priests

Everyone dressed up in their divinely appointed clothing.

Nadab and Abihu do not obey God's instructions.

They burn 'strange fire' on the altar of incense.

Fire comes out from the altar and kills them both.

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Be Sober

# Living as Holy, Chosen People

The Girdle of the Priest's mind

Exod 28

36 And thou shalt make **a plate of pure gold**, and grave upon it, like the engravings of a signet, Holiness to the Lord.

37 And thou shalt **put it on a blue lace**, that it may be upon the mitre; upon the forefront of the mitre it shall be.

38 And it shall be upon Aaron's forehead, that Aaron may bear the iniquity of the holy things, which the children of Israel shall **hallow in all their holy gifts**; and it shall be always upon his forehead, **that they may be accepted before the Lord**

Gird up the Loins of your Mind

# Living as Holy, Chosen People

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Leviticus 11: Clean and Unclean Animals

Chew the Cud

Divide the hoof

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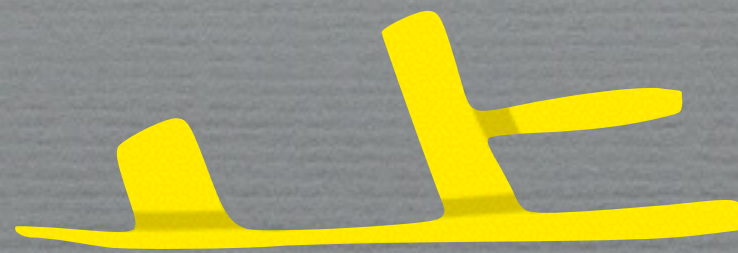
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# Follow in His Steps



## 1. Peter

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V 19 But **with the precious blood of Christ**, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot...

V 22 **see that ye love one another** with a pure heart fervently

# Fear

1 Peter 2:3

*If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious*

Quotation from Psalm 34

You have experienced the goodness of God.

You should know the benefits of being one of God's family.  
You have tasted the blessings of the heavenly gift.

# Fear

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**Hos 1:6-9; 2:1**

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# Who Do We Fear?

1 Sam 21

Psa 34

Isa 8

Isa 28

Mat 9

1 Peter 2-3



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**Gk komboō = to engirdle oneself for labour**

“A knot or band by which two things are fastened together, to fasten or gird one's self This was the white scarf or apron of slaves, which was fastened to the belt of the vest and distinguished slaves from freemen, hence in 1 Pet. 5:5, "gird yourselves with humility as your servile garb" means by putting on humility, show your subjection one to another. Also, this refers to the overalls which slaves wore to keep clean while working, an exceedingly humble garment” Dr James Strong

**see John 12; 1 Peter 1:13**

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Gird up the loins of your mind  
includes  
holiness AND humility

# Fear - Anxiety

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Throw upon, cast upon



**care** - Gk merimna = **anxiety**

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The degree of care?



The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and **careth** not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and **I lay down my life for the sheep.**

John 10:13-15

# Anxiety - Phil 4:6

**Be careful for nothing;** but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. (KJV)

**Do not be anxious about anything,** but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus (NIV)

Prayer. Petition. Thanksgiving. Request.  
Put yourself in God's hands,  
and experience the peace of God,  
which peace is beyond human understanding  
(Gk nous = mind, logic, rationality, judgement).

# Anxiety - Mat 6:25-34

Therefore I say unto you, **Take no thought** for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

Which of you by **taking thought** can add one cubit unto his stature? And why **take ye thought** for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore **take no thought**, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. **Take therefore no thought** for the morrow: for the morrow shall **take thought** for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof

# Fear - Anxiety

Fear Not What Man Can Do to You

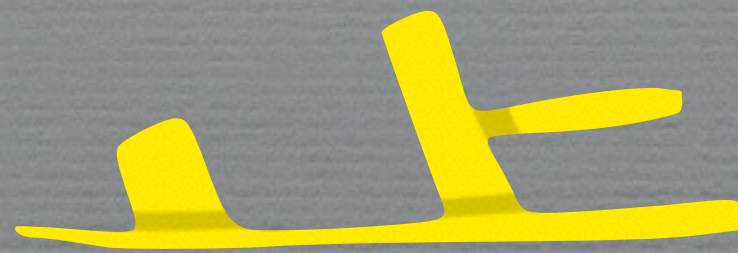
Fear Not, nor be anxious, about the sufferings and challenges in our lives.

Fear God. He is the Almighty, All-powerful. He should loom largest in your mind.

Cast your cares upon Him. He cares for you.

He has given the precious blood of His OWN son. For you.

# Follow in His Steps



## 1. Peter

Perth December 2014

# Citizenship

What do we do when the world rejects us and our values?

What do we do when the world promotes values that conflict with ours?

How do we conduct ourselves in a world where we are aliens?

Do we belong?

Where do we belong?



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## Why should I become a citizen?

Australian citizenship is an important step in your migration story. Becoming an Australian citizen means that you are making an ongoing commitment to Australia and all that this country stands for. It is also the beginning of your formal membership of the Australian community. It is the step that will enable you to say 'I am Australian'.

Australian citizenship is a privilege that offers enormous rewards. By becoming an Australian citizen, you are joining a unique national community. Our country has been built on the combined contributions of our Indigenous people and those who came later from all over the world. We celebrate this diversity and at the same time, strive for a unified and harmonious nation.

The strength of the Australian community means that we work together to solve problems and to make Australia the great country that it is. We have a stable system of government and Australians respect the authority and laws of the government. Our stability, our culture and our laws have been shaped by our history. By joining the Australian community, you will inherit this history and you will be in a position to contribute to it.

### Responsibilities and privileges of Australian citizenship

As a permanent resident of Australia, you have already enjoyed living in a free and democratic society. When you become an Australian citizen, you will have new responsibilities. You will also have a range of new benefits.

**Responsibilities** – what you will give Australia.

As an Australian citizen you must:

- obey the law
- defend Australia should the need arise
- serve on a jury if called to do so
- vote in federal and state or territory elections, and in a referendum

See: [Australian Electoral Commission](#)

**Privileges** – what Australia will give you.

As an Australian citizen you have the right to:

- vote in federal and state or territory elections, and in a referendum
- apply for work in the Australian Public Service or in the Australian Defence Force
- seek election to parliament
- apply for an Australian passport and re-enter Australia freely
- receive help from an Australian official while overseas
- register children born overseas as Australian citizens by descent.

### Australia's democratic beliefs, rights and liberties

## FAQs

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As a boy growing up in Moscow, Artem Grigorev and his parents decided the uncertainty about civil society and safety meant the then-teenager would need to leave Russia and be educated abroad.

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## Four responsibilities of citizens

We object to three of those on the basis of our conscience.

The fourth we do as much as we can, within the bounds of our conscience.

# **Living as aliens**

Principles which govern our conduct

As expressed and lived by Jesus...

# Living as aliens

Mat 26:49-54

And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, master; and kissed him. And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come?

Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him. And, **behold, one of them which were with Jesus stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest's, and smote off his ear.**

Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place:for **all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?**

# Living as aliens

John 18:10-13

Then Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus.

Then said Jesus unto Peter, **Put up thy sword into the sheath:the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?**

Then the band and the captain and officers of the Jews took Jesus, and bound him, And led him away to Annas first; for he was father in law to Caiaphas, which was the high priest that same year

# Living as aliens

John 18:10-13

Now is NOT the time to overturn the governments of this world.

Now is NOT the time to take up arms against the authorities.

Now is NOT the time to resist by force.

Rather, it is time to submit to God's will and God's timeline with this world.

God will exalt his servants in due time.

Jesus submitted to the trials the Father had in store for him. The time will come when he will rule the world and destroy opposition.

# Living as aliens

John 18:19-23

The high priest then asked Jesus of his disciples, and of his doctrine.

Jesus answered him, **I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue,** and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and **in secret have I said nothing.** Why askest thou me? ask them which heard me, what I have said unto them: behold, they know what I said.

And when he had thus spoken, one of the officers which stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, Answerest thou the high priest so?

Jesus answered him, **If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil: but if well, why smitest thou me?**

# Living as aliens

John 18:33-38

Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews?

Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me?

Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done?

Jesus answered, **My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.**

Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then?

Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

Pilate saith unto him, What is truth?

# Living as aliens

## John 18

Interspersed with these principles being expressed and lived by our Lord, Peter was first cutting off someone's ear, then denying he even knew Jesus to a family member of the man whose ear he had just cut off!

Peter was learning what Jesus was calling him to do.

Follow in his master's footsteps. Submit. Do not usurp God's role of determining the times which HE has in his own power.

# Living as aliens

Acts 4:18-20 - The faith and newfound boldness of Peter

And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.

But Peter and John answered and said unto them, **Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.**

We obey God, rather than men,  
when man's demands contradict those of God.

# **Living as aliens**

## **Peter's advice 2:11-3:22**

1. General advice to all stranger and pilgrims in this world (2:11-12)
2. Advice on submitting to authorities (2:13-17)
3. Advice on slaves submitting to masters, suffering wrongfully as Christ led by example (2:18-25)
4. Advice on wives submitting to unbelieving husbands (3:1-6)
5. Advice for husbands on how to treat their wives (3:7)
6. Advice for all pilgrims to be of one mind and love one another because we are so reliant upon one another in a hostile world. (3:8-9)
7. Do Not Fear What Man Can Do To You; rather, fear God and put your trust in him. (3:10-15)
8. Be prepared to give an answer and preach whenever the opportunity arises, like Noah (3:15-22)

# Living as aliens

## Arm Yourselves with the same mind

Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, **arm yourselves likewise with the same mind:** for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin

**Gk “hoplizo”** - to equip oneself with weapons, to prepare for battle by taking up arms.

Peter had cut off an antagonists ear and had been reproached for it. He learned that the warfare was not physical but mental.

Prepare for the battle of the MIND

This is a battle we must prepare for and fight personally and together.

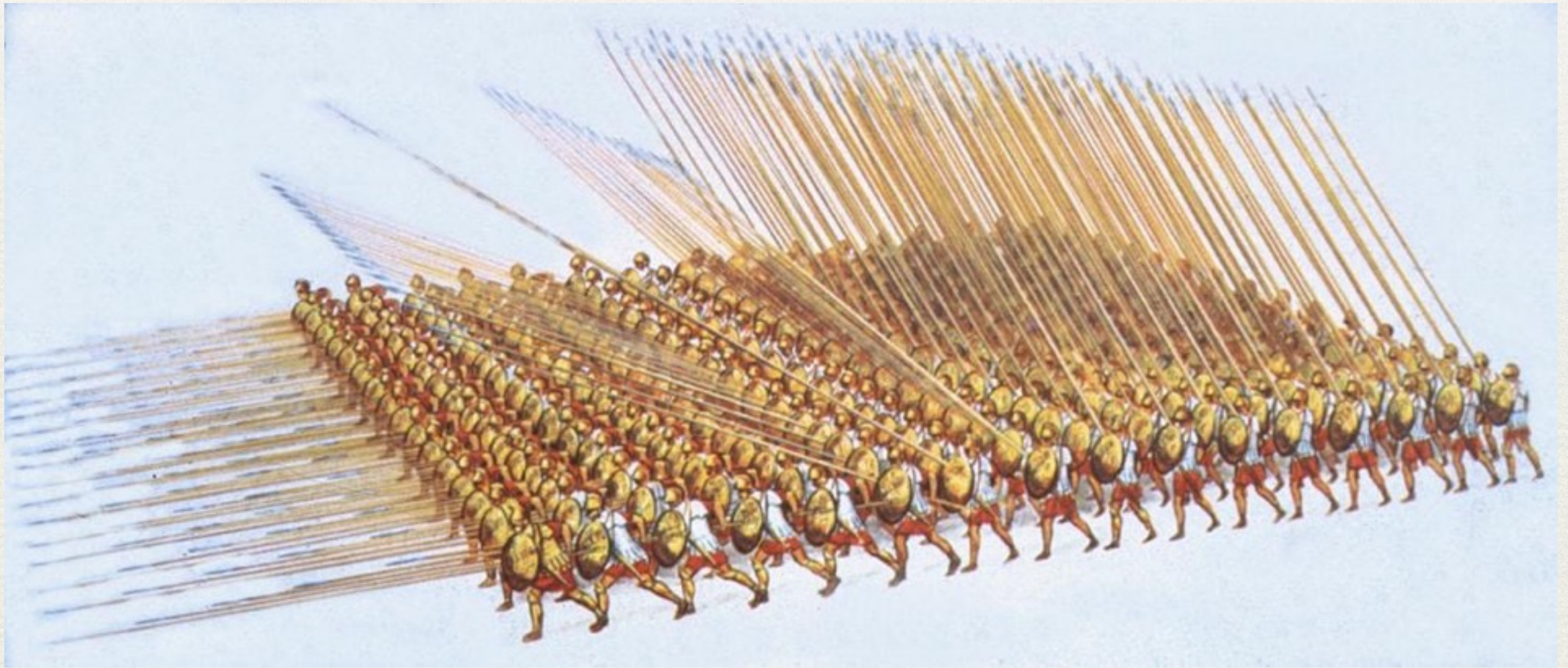
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# **Living as aliens**

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1 Peter 4:2

That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.

Key difference between us and the world  
They are motivated by fulfilling selfish desires.  
We are motivated by the fulfilling God's will.

# **Living as aliens**

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1 Peter 4:3

For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in:

lasciviousness,  
lusts,  
excess of wine,  
revellings,  
banquetings,  
and abominable idolatries:

# Living as aliens They Think You are Weird

1 Peter 4:4

Wherein they think it **strange** that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you

**strange** = xenizo from xenon (V12)

Why are we seen as strange?

riotous - intoxicated

(riotous living of prodigal son is the same word Lk 15:13)

We do not live riotous lives like they do!

Their whole mission is to party!

Our whole mission is quite different to that.

Isn't it?

# Living as aliens

1 Peter 4:7

But the end of all things is at hand:

be ye therefore **sober**,

and **watch** unto **prayer**

Don't live intoxicated lives.

Be sober.

Watch.

Pray.

Why?

The END is at hand.

# Living as aliens

1 Peter 4:7-11

But the end of all things is at hand:

THEREFORE:

1. Be sober
2. Watch unto prayer
3. Love among yourselves
4. Show hospitality without grudging
5. Use your abilities & opportunities responsibly

# Living as aliens

1 Peter 4:12–19

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# Classification of Types of Suffering

1. Physical
2. Mental
3. Emotional
4. Spiritual

# Classification of Causes of Suffering

1. Human Condition
2. Consequences of Sin
  - a) your own sins
  - b) another's sins
3. God imposes suffering
4. Suffering for being a Christian

# Classification of Purposes of Suffering

1. Suffering comes with the freedom to choose
2. Pain warns us of danger
3. Suffering reveals what is in our hearts
4. Pain loosens our grip on this life
5. Suffering reveals our vulnerabilities and provides us with an opportunity to develop trust
6. In times of crisis we are brought together
7. Suffering reminds us what Jesus did for us
8. Suffering makes us look forward to the Kingdom

# Purposes of Suffering

1. To teach us
2. To humble us
3. To test us
4. To prove us
5. To separate us
6. To bind us
7. To develop us
8. To perfect us

# Purposes of Suffering

Overarching purpose of suffering:

to Glorify God

2:12; 4:11,13,14,16,18

(it's not all about us)

# Follow ME

1 Peter 2:21-24

For even hereunto were ye **called**: because Christ also **suffered** for us, leaving us an example, that ye should **follow his steps**:

- Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:
- Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:
- Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness:by whose stripes ye were healed.

For ye were **as sheep going astray**; but are now **returned** unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

# **Follow ME**

1 Peter 2:21-24

# Fear - Anxiety

V 7 **Casting** all your **care** upon him; for he **careth** for you.

# Be Sober, Be Vigilant

Be sober, be vigilant;

because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion,  
walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same  
afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in  
the world

Garden of Gethsemane - Judas & the Romans

Peter, James and John - asleep

be encouraged - we are not alone in suffering

# A Final Word - 1 Peter 5:10-11

But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus,

**after that ye have suffered a while,**

make you **perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.**

To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen

# A Final Word - 1 Peter 5:10-11

make you **perfect**, (sw “mending nets” Mk 1:19)

**stablish**, ‘sterizo’ - to turn resolutely in a certain direction.  
Lk 9:51 - Jesus set his face towards Jerusalem to face death. Also used in Lk 22:32 when Jesus spoke to Peter “strengthen” thy brethren.

**strengthen**, - to make strong

**settle you** - to lay a firm foundation, to ground something.  
sw used in the parable of 2 houses - one ‘founded’ on a rock (petra) - Mat 7:25; Lk 6:48. floods and wind rep the storms and pressures of life. Build our lives on the bedrock of Jesus Christ, the crucified one - ‘on this rock’

# **A Final Word - 1 Peter 5:11**

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Nero was a powerful, glorious emperor of Rome.

But the true GLORY and DOMINION belong to God.

It will be his for EVER and EVER.

Long after Nero is dead and gone.

Keep all things, including our suffering, in perspective  
against the backdrop of eternity.