

Coram Deo PART I (1 Peter 1:1-12)

“The true Christian life can be summed up in the Latin phrase “*Coram Deo.*” *Coram Deo* captures the entire essence of the Christian life. It literally infers that all aspects of your life take place **in the presence of, or before the face of, God.** To live “*Coram Deo*” is to live one’s entire life in the presence of God, under the authority of God, to the glory of God. The bottom line is that you choose not to separate out secular from the sacred; but instead, you consider all things as Holy unto the Lord!

Greetings

“Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, **To the pilgrims** of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, **elect according to the foreknowledge of God** the Father, in **sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ:** Grace to you and peace be multiplied.” I Peter 1:1-2 NKJV

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- ☑ **Election—You did not choose God; He chose you!**
- ☑ **He Chose You:** “You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.” John 15:16 NKJV
- ☑ **Predestined:** “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, **just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world**, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, **having predestined us to adoption as sons** by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.” Ephesians 1:3-6 NKJV
- ☑ **According to Election:** “And not only this, but when Rebecca also had conceived by one man, even by our father Isaac (for the children not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God **according to election** might stand, not of works but of Him who calls), it was said to her, “The older shall serve the younger.” As it is written, “Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated.”” Romans 9:10-13 NKJV
- ☑ Further Clarification in Romans 9:14-24

☑ **Who Yahweh Wills:** “What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? Certainly not! For He says to Moses, **“I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion.”** So then it is **not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy.** For the Scripture says to the Pharaoh, **“For this very purpose** I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth.” Therefore He has mercy on **whom He wills**, and **whom He wills** He hardens.” Romans 9:14-18 NKJV

☑ **The Potter and the Clay:** “You will say to me then, **“Why does He still find fault?** For who has resisted His will?” But indeed, O man, **who are you to reply against God?** Will the thing formed say to him who formed it, **“Why have you made me like this?”** Does not **the potter** have power over **the clay**, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor?” Romans 9:19-21 NKJV

☑ **Prepared Beforehand:** “What if God, wanting to show His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the **vessels of wrath prepared**

for destruction, and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the **vessels of mercy**, which He had prepared beforehand for glory, even us whom He called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?"
Romans 9:22-24 NKJV

☑ **Sanctification—The process of becoming holy**

☑ Positional—the work God does in you

☑ **You were Sanctified:** "And such were some of you. But **you were washed, but you were sanctified**, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God." I Corinthians 6:11 NKJV

☑ **Sanctification by the Spirit:** "But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning **chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit** and belief in the truth, to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ." II Thessalonians 2:13-14 NKJV

☑ Personal—the work you do because of what God has done in you.

☑ "And having been set free from sin, you became **slaves of righteousness.**" Romans 6:18 NKJV

- ☑ **Pursue Righteousness:** “But you, O man of God, flee these things and **pursue righteousness**, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.” I Timothy 6:11 NKJV
- ☑ **Pursue Righteousness:** “Flee also youthful lusts; but **pursue righteousness**, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.” II Timothy 2:22 NKJV
- ☑ **Instruction in Righteousness:** “and that from childhood you have **known the Holy Scriptures**, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. **All Scripture** is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for **instruction in righteousness**, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.” II Timothy 3:15-17 NKJV
- ☑ **The Life You Live:** “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; **and the life which I now live** in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.” Galatians 2:20 NKJV

- ☑ **For Good Works:** “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.” Ephesians 2:8-10 NKJV
- ☑ **Obedience**—**You can’t just talk about being a Christian, you must obey what Christianity teaches!**
- ☑ **Obedience to the Faith:** “Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for **obedience to the faith** among all nations for His name,” Romans 1:5 NKJV
- ☑ **Verses Free Faith:** “Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have **obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God** and Savior Jesus Christ:” II Peter 1:1 NKJV
- ☑ **I will show you my faith!** “But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without your works, and **I will show you my faith by my works.**” James 2:18 NKJV
- ☑ **The Blood**—**It is the blood that makes atonement**
- ☑ **The Blood Poured Out on the Altar:** “For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; **for it is the blood**

that makes atonement for the soul.” Leviticus 17:11

NKJV [verse 12–that is why we do not eat blood!]

- ☑ **Without blood there is not remission of sin!** “And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and **without shedding of blood there is no remission.**” Hebrews 9:22 NKJV
- ☑ **The Blood Cleanses Us:** “But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and **the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**” I John 1:7 NKJV
- ☑ **We have peace with God through the blood:** “For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, **having made peace through the blood of His cross.**” Colossians 1:19-20 NKJV
- ☑ **Redemption through Blood:** “In Him we have **redemption through His blood**, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace” Ephesians 1:7 NKJV
- ☑ **Brought Near by the Blood:** “But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been **brought near by the blood of Christ.**” Ephesians 2:13 NKJV

Heavenly Inheritance

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a **living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an **inheritance incorruptible and undefiled** and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are **kept by the power of God** through faith for **salvation ready to be revealed in the last time**. In this you **greatly rejoice**, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by **various trials**, that the **genuineness of your faith**, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is **tested by fire**, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you **rejoice with joy inexpressible** and full of glory, **receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls**. Of this salvation the **prophets have inquired and searched carefully**, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, **searching what, or what manner** of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when **He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ** and the glories that would follow. To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were **ministering the things which now have been reported** to you through those who have preached the gospel to

you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into.” I Peter 1:3-12 NKJV

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☑ **A Living Hope**

☑ **He is Faithful:** “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for **He who promised is faithful.**”
Hebrews 10:23 NKJV

☑ **The Hope of Glory:** “To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory.**”
Colossians 1:27 NKJV

☑ **Hope is the outcome and it will not disappoint you!**
“Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we

stand, and **rejoice in hope of the glory** of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, **hope. Now hope does not disappoint**, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”

Romans 5:1-5 NKJV

☑ An Incorruptible Inheritance

☑ **Corruption is raised in incorruption:** “So also is the resurrection of the dead. **The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption.** It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.” I Corinthians 15:42-44 NKJV

☑ **The corruptible must put on incorruption:** “Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood **cannot inherit the kingdom of God**; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead **will be raised incorruptible**, and we shall be changed. **For this**

corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." I Corinthians 15:50-54 NKJV

☑ The Power of God

☑ Resurrection Power: "Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; **that you may know what is the hope of His calling**, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and **what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe**, according to the working of His mighty power **which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead** and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places," Ephesians 1:15-20 NKJV

☑ Divine Power: "as His **divine power** has given to **us all things that pertain to life and godliness**, through the

knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue," II Peter 1:3 NKJV

- ☑ Note—Don't resurrect the old man:
 - ☑ **You are a new creation:** "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, **he is a new creation**; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." II Corinthians 5:17 NKJV
 - ☑ **You are a new man!** "and that you **put on the new man** which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness." Ephesians 4:24 NKJ
 - ☑ **Your old sin man died—don't use your resurrection power to resurrect him!** "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! **How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?** Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus **were baptized into His death?** Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, **even so we also should walk in newness of life.** For if we have been **united together in the likeness of His death**, certainly we **also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection**, knowing this, **that our old man was crucified with**

Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that **we should no longer be slaves of sin**. For he who has died **has been freed from sin**. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death that He died, **He died to sin once for all**; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. **Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin**, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:1-11 NKJV

☑ **Salvation is Revealed at the End**

☑ **The End**: "But he who endures **to the end** shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, **and then the end** will come." Matthew 24:13-14 NKJV

☑ **Temporal not Eternal**: "Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation with fear and trembling**; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure." Philippians 2:12-13 NKJV

☑ *“In this you **greatly rejoice**, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been **grieved by various trials**, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is **tested by fire**, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,” I Peter 1:6-7 NKJV*

☑ **Rejoice when grieved by trials and you are tested by fire**

☑ **Count it all joy!** “My brethren, **count it all joy** when you fall into various trials, knowing that the **testing of your faith** produces patience. But let patience have its **perfect work**, that you may be **perfect and complete, lacking nothing.**” James 1:2-4 NKJV

☑ **All Things!** “as His divine power has given to us **all things that pertain to life and godliness**, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,” II Peter 1:3 NKJV

☑ **Accessing the Kingdom:** “**And when they had preached the gospel** to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, “**We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God.**”” Acts 14:21-22 NKJV

☑ **Left as Dead:** “Then Jews from Antioch and Iconium came there; and having persuaded the multitudes, they **stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing him to be dead.** However, when the disciples gathered around him, he rose up and went into the city. And the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe.” Acts 14:19-20 NKJV

☑ **Don't Worry; Seek First:** ““Therefore **do not worry, saying,** ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. **But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,** and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.” Matthew 6:31-34 NKJV

☑ *“whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you **rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.**” I Peter 1:8-9 NKJV*

☑ **The End of the Law:** “For **Christ is the end of the law** for righteousness to everyone who believes.” Romans 10:4
NKJV

☑ **Rejoice as if you ALREADY got the inheritance!**

☑ The End of your Faith: The salvation of your souls

☑ Food for Thought to Ponder:

1. How would you feel if you had so many bills to pay, your due dates were past, and you had absolutely no money to pay them, no job to make money, and no one from whom to borrow the money? Add that you have a spouse and twin new born babies, and your sickly aging parents live with you and they have no means at all.
2. Now imagine how you'd feel if you then found out that a rich relative died and left you his entire inheritance, one billion dollars.
3. Imagine one more thing; all your bills are due right now, as mention in point one, but you cannot access the one billion dollars for three months. Do you still feel as stressed as you felt after pondering questions number one?
4. Now relate what you've discovered to these words of Peter: *“Rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,*

receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.”

☑ *“Of this salvation **the prophets have inquired and searched carefully**, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, **searching what, or what manner of time**, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand **the sufferings of Christ** and the glories that would follow.” I Peter 1:10-11 NKJV*

☑ **The Prophets have inquired and searched carefully**

☑ “But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear; for assuredly, I say to you that **many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.**” Matthew 13:16-17 NKJV

☑ **No one greater than John up to John, yet every one of you is greater than John!** “Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; **but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.**” Matthew 11:11 NKJV

☑ **The sufferings of Christ— the Spirit of Christ who was in Isaiah (as an example) was indicating when He (Yahweh)**

testified beforehand through Isaiah, about the sufferings of Christ...

☑ Look at all the picture of Christ in Isaiah although he knew not “*what manner of time*” this would be fulfilled!

“Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground.

He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, There is no beauty that we should desire Him. **He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.** And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; **He was despised,** and **we did not esteem Him.** Surely **He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows;** Yet we esteemed Him stricken, **Smitten by God, and afflicted.** But **He was wounded for our**

transgressions, He was **bruised for our iniquities;** The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And **by His stripes we are healed.** All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And **the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.** He was oppressed and He was afflicted, **Yet He opened not His mouth;** He was **led as a lamb to the slaughter,** And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His

mouth. **He was taken from prison and from judgment,**
And who will declare His generation? **For He was cut off
from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My
people He was stricken. And they made His grave with
the wicked— But with the rich at His death,** Because He
had done no violence, Nor was any deceit in His mouth.
Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him
to grief. **When You make His soul an offering for sin, He
shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days,** And the
pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. He shall
see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His
knowledge **My righteous Servant shall justify many, For
He shall bear their iniquities.** Therefore I will divide Him
a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil
with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto
death, **And He was numbered with the transgressors,**
And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for
the transgressors.” Isaiah 53:1-12 NKJV

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they were ministering the things which now have been
reported to you through those who have preached the gospel*

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☑ **Again let me say, the Prophets have inquired and searched carefully—but it was FOR US!**


☑ “But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear; for assuredly, I say to you that **many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.**” Matthew 13:16-17 NKJV

☑ **The Parable of the Soils—the perfect parable revealing things the prophets wish they could see!**

☑ “On the same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the sea. And great multitudes were gathered together to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore. Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: “Behold, a sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, **some seed fell by the wayside**; and the birds came and devoured them. **Some fell on stony places**, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth. But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away. And **some fell among thorns**, and the thorns sprang

up and choked them. But **others fell on good ground** and **yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!**” Matthew 13:1-9 NKJV

The Purpose of Parables

-  “And the disciples came and said to Him, “**Why do You speak to them in parables?**” He answered and said to them, “**Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.** For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. Therefore I speak to them in parables, because **seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.** And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled [*Isaiah 6:9-10*], which says: ‘**Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, And seeing you will see and not perceive; For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.**’ But blessed are your eyes for they see, and

your ears for they hear; for assuredly, I say to you that **many prophets and righteous men desired** to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it." Matthew 13:10-17 NKJV

☑ **The mystery explained for those with ears to hear and eyes to see!**

- ☑ **“Therefore hear the parable of the sower:** When anyone hears the **word of the kingdom**, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside. But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. **But he who received seed on the good ground is he who [is able to understand the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven] hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears**

**fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty,
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NEXT WEEK

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