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1 Peter 1:21-22 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. Since you have in **obedience to the truth** purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart,

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Hebrews 4:6,11 Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly had good news preached to them failed to enter because of **disobedience**, 11 Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall through [following] the same example of **disobedience**.

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