

Stand Firm in the Grace of God

Source Text: 1 Peter 5:12-14

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Sermon Points:

1. Peter's purpose for writing **explained**
 - a. The transmission of the letter
 - b. The purpose of the letter
 - i. Urge us
 - ii. Testify of the grace of God

2. Peter's purpose for writing **reviewed**
 - a. What does 1 Peter testify about God the Father
 - i. The CHARACTER of God the FATHER (1:4, 5:10)
 - ii. The ACTIVITY of God the FATHER
 1. Grace (1:2, 10, 13; 2:19; 3:7; 5:5)
 2. Father's activity from eternity past to eternity future
 - a. Atonement (1:20)
 - b. Glory (1:21; 4:13)
 - c. Salvation (1:1, 3, 15; 2:9; 2:21; 3:9; 5:10)
 - b. What does 1 Peter testify about **Jesus the Son**
 - i. The DEATH of the SON was SUBSTITUTIONAL and SACRIFICIAL (2:21-25; 3:18)
 - ii. The RESURRECTION of the SON – The Risen Lord (1:2-3, 21; 2:25; 3:21)
 - iii. The GLORIFICATION of the SON – The Returning King (1:5, 11, 13; 4:11, 13; 5:10)
 - c. What does 1 Peter testify about the Christian Life
 - i. The Christian life is the BEST life (1:1-11; 5:10)
 - ii. The Christian life is a SANCTIFIED life
 - iii. The Christian life is a SUFFERING life
 - iv. The Christian life is a HOPEFUL life
 - d. What does 1 Peter urge us to do

Discussion Questions

1. How does Peter's closing give you confidence in the historicity of this book?
2. What is the most significant one or two things God has shown you as we have studied this book?
3. What were Peter's main emphases throughout the book on God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Christian life? Was anything new to you? Was anything helpful?
4. Peter states that he wants his reader to understand grace and stand firm in it. How has this study helped you do this? What is one practical way you can better stand firm in grace?