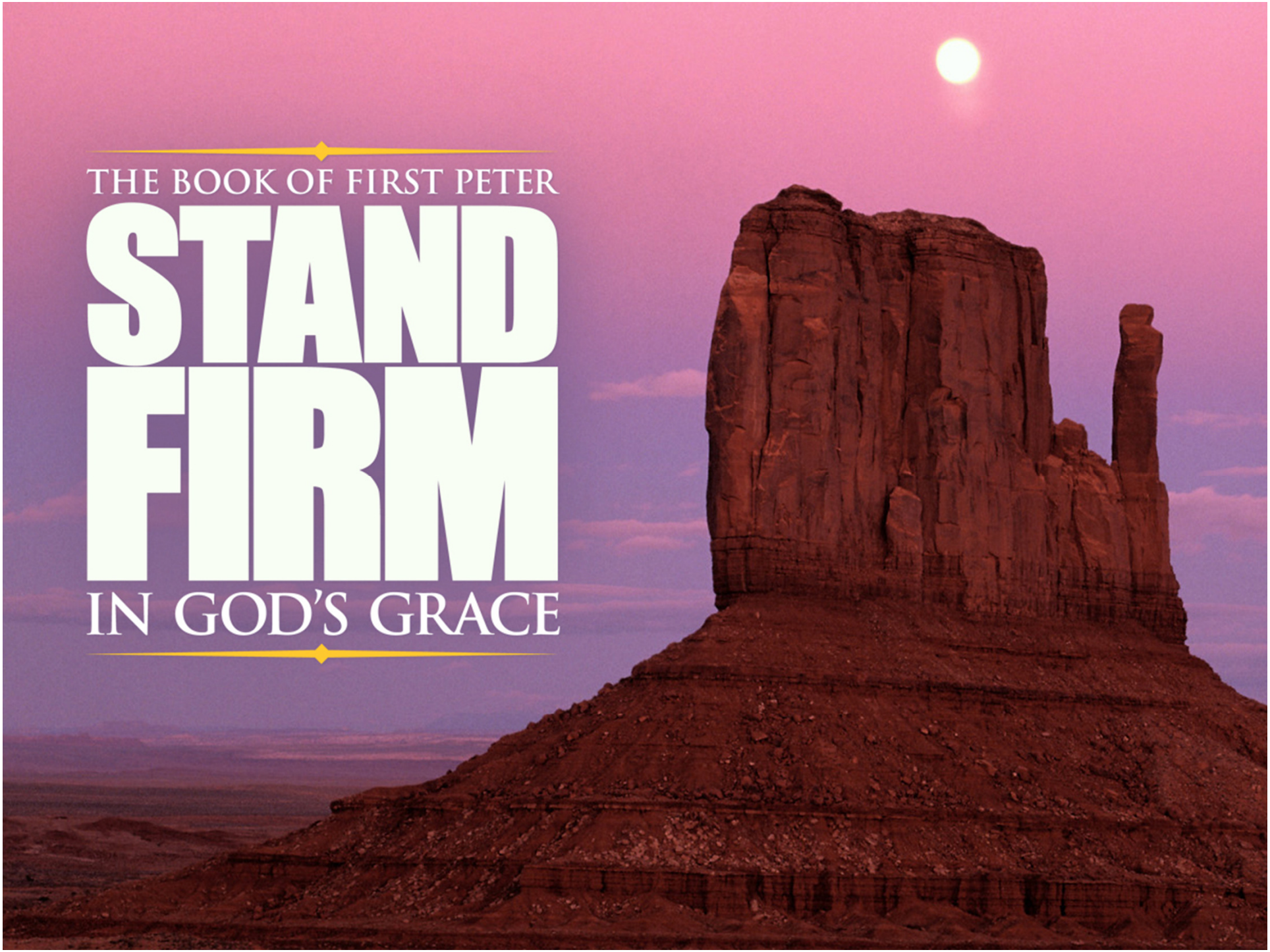
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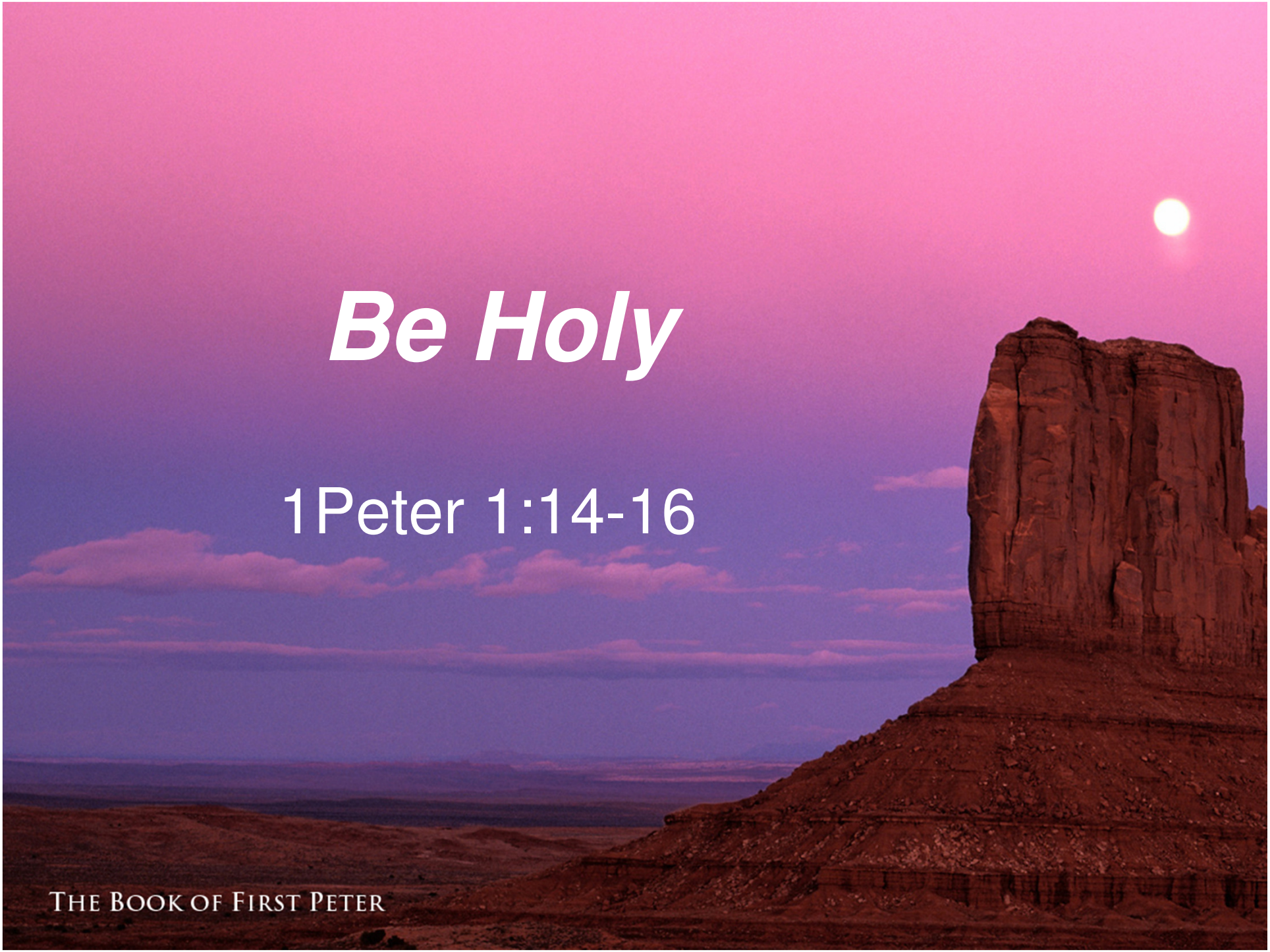
Be Holy
1Peter 1:14-16
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“As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

I. What does holiness mean?

A. Some misconceptions:

1) Sinless perfection 1John 1:8

2) Pharisaism Matt. 23

3) Elitism: “Holier than thou” Isa. 65:5

4) Isolationism

I. What does holiness mean?

A. Some misconceptions:

5) An old-fashioned code of morality



B. The true meaning of holiness.

The English root word means sound, whole, happy.

Webster: "… belonging to or coming from God; consecrated, sacred"

holy means “set apart”









B. The true meaning of holiness.

"Holiness requires separation from one thing and separation to a different thing."

2Tim.2:22 "Now flee youthful lusts (separate from), and pursue (separate to) righteousness, faith love, peace with those who call on the Lord with a pure heart."

B. The true meaning of holiness.

"To separate from, without separating to, is not biblical holiness. Whenever a person only seeks one half of this equation, imbalance and error will eventually invade their life.

Much of the negative baggage in people's minds about holiness is a result of the harsh focus on fleeing.

Holiness is not living in the world of 'no' but leaving the world of 'no' in order to enter the world of 'yes'".

Bruce Wilkinson

C. Three kinds of holiness or sanctification:

1) Positional holiness 2Cor.5:17; 1Cor. 1:2

"All believers have been sanctified, but not all believers live sanctified lives."

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2) Progressive holiness 2Cor. 7:1

a) This is God's purpose Eph.1:4

'The destined end of man is not happiness, nor health, but holiness.' Oswald Chambers

b) Only God can make us holy, but we need to cooperate with Him

c) Holiness is a lifetime project. Phil. 3:12

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1) Positional holiness 2Cor.5:17

2) Progressive holiness 2Cor. 7:1, Eph.1:4

3) Perfect holiness 1John 3:2, Col. 1:22

II. Why should we live holy lives?

A. God commands it. 1Pet.1:15,16.

B. This is the desire of the Holy Spirit living in us. Rom. 8

C. To avoid reaping the terrible consequences of sin. Gal. 6:7,8

II. Why should we live holy lives?

D. To keep others from stumbling. Rom. 14:13

E. Our bodies are a temple of the Holy Spirit. 1Cor. 6:19,20

F. A holy life is the best life. Psa. 1 & 32:10

III. How can we live holy lives?

A. We need to recognize two conflicting natures within. Gal. 5:17, Eph 4:22-24

B. We need to apply 3 key truths in Rom. 6

1) Rom. 6:6,7 knowing this…
2) Rom. 6:11 consider yourselves to be dead to sin…
3) Rom. 6:13 present yourselves to God…

III. How can we live holy lives?

C. We need to be filled with the Holy Spirit

Eph. 5:18.

How?

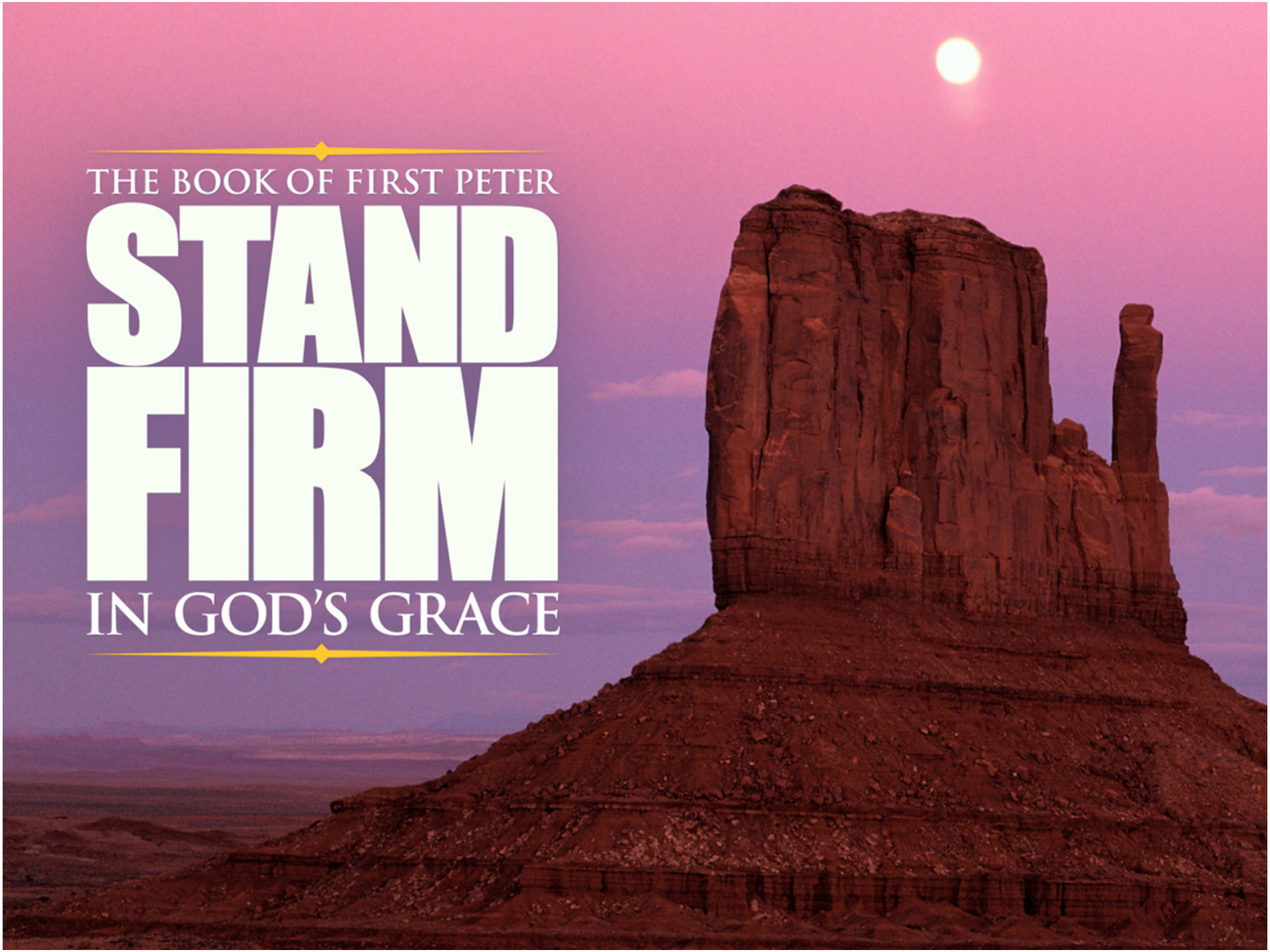
1) Keep short accounts with God. 1John 1:9

2) Submit my will to His.

3) Saturate my mind with the Word of God.

Col.3:16 & Eph.5:18,19

4) Pray without ceasing 1Thess 5:17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