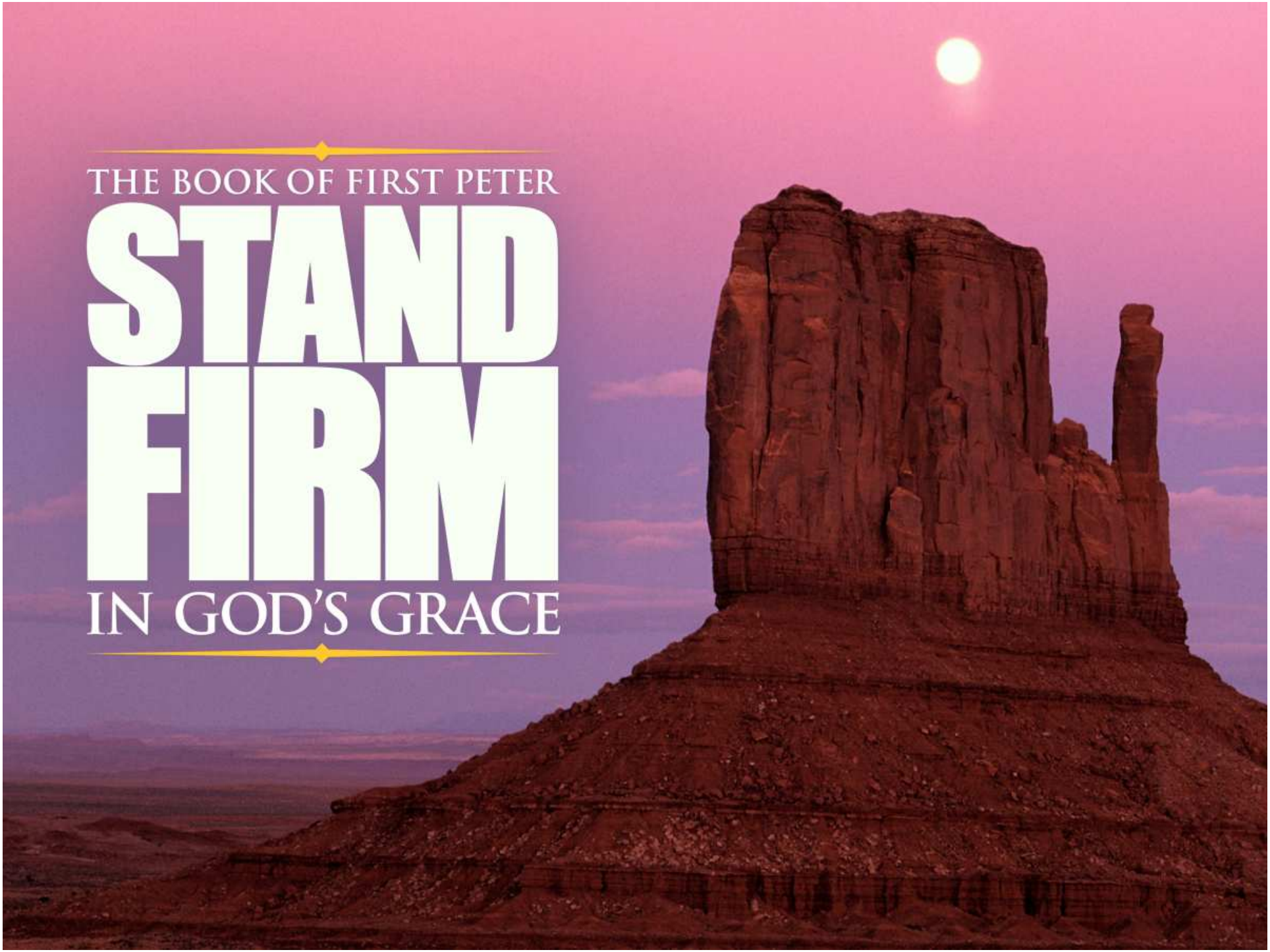
THE BOOK OF FIRST PETER
STAND FIRM
IN GOD'S GRACE


My Conduct Matters…
Now
1 Peter 1:17-21
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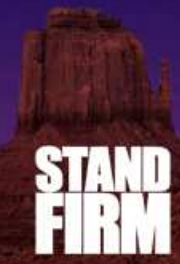
Salvation: Living out the hope within (1:3-2:10)

Sanctification: Do the right thing… no matter what (2:11-4:6)

Suffering: Stand firm because Jesus is coming (4:7-5:11)



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φόβος

phobos

fob'-os

From a primary φέβομαι phebomai (to *be* put in *fear*); *alarm* or *fright:* - be afraid, + exceedingly, fear, terror.



The Circumspect Life / Conducting Myself in Fear

- Think through your actions – What does the bible say? What does my conscience say?
- How would someone you hold in high regard view your decision?
- What if your actions or decision made the front page of the SJ Mercury news?
- Knowing that the Lord is an Impartial Judge of each ones works, what would he say?

- There is a direct correlation between my knowledge of God, and the way I live my life.

The way I live		Who God is
Be holy in your behavior ….	⟺	Like the Holy One who called you...
Be holy….	⟺	… For I am Holy
Conduct yourselves in fear	⟺	Because your father is an impartial judge

The faithfulness [*dw: or any attribute*] of God is a datum of sound theology but to the believer it becomes far more than that: it passes through the process of the understanding and goes on to become nourishing food for the soul. For the Scriptures not only teach truth, they show also its uses for mankind. The inspired writers were men of like passion with us, dwelling the in the midst of life. **What they learned about God became to them a sword, a shield, a hammer, it became their life motivation, their good hope and their confident expectation. From the objective facts of theology their hearts made how many thousand joyous deductions and personal applications!**

Tozer, Knowledge of the Holy, p80

My brethren, do not hold your faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ with an attitude of personal favoritism (James 2:1)



Judgment Seat of Christ

2 Cor 10:5
Rom 14:10

It is to be observed carefully that the issue here is not to determine whether the one judged is a believer or not. The question of salvation is not being considered. The salvation given the believer in Christ has perfectly delivered him from all judgment (Rom. 8:1; John 5:24; 1 John 4:17). To bring the believer into judgment concerning the sin question, whether his sins before his new birth, his sins since his new birth, or even his un-confessed sins since the new birth, is to deny the efficacy of the death of Christ and nullify the promise of God that "their sins and iniquities will I remember no more" (Heb. 10: 17)… each believer before the Lord… works are brought into judgment … It is not the Lord's purpose here to chasten His children for sins, but to reward his service for those things done in the name of the Lord.

Dwight Pentecost, Things to Come, p222



“This one will say, ‘I am the LORD’S’; And that one will call on the name of Jacob; And another will write on his hand, ‘Belonging to the LORD,’ And will name Israel's name with honor.
Isa 44:5

“Reason back from the greatness of the sacrifice to the greatness of the sin. Then determine to be done forever with that which cost God's Son His life.”

William MacDonald