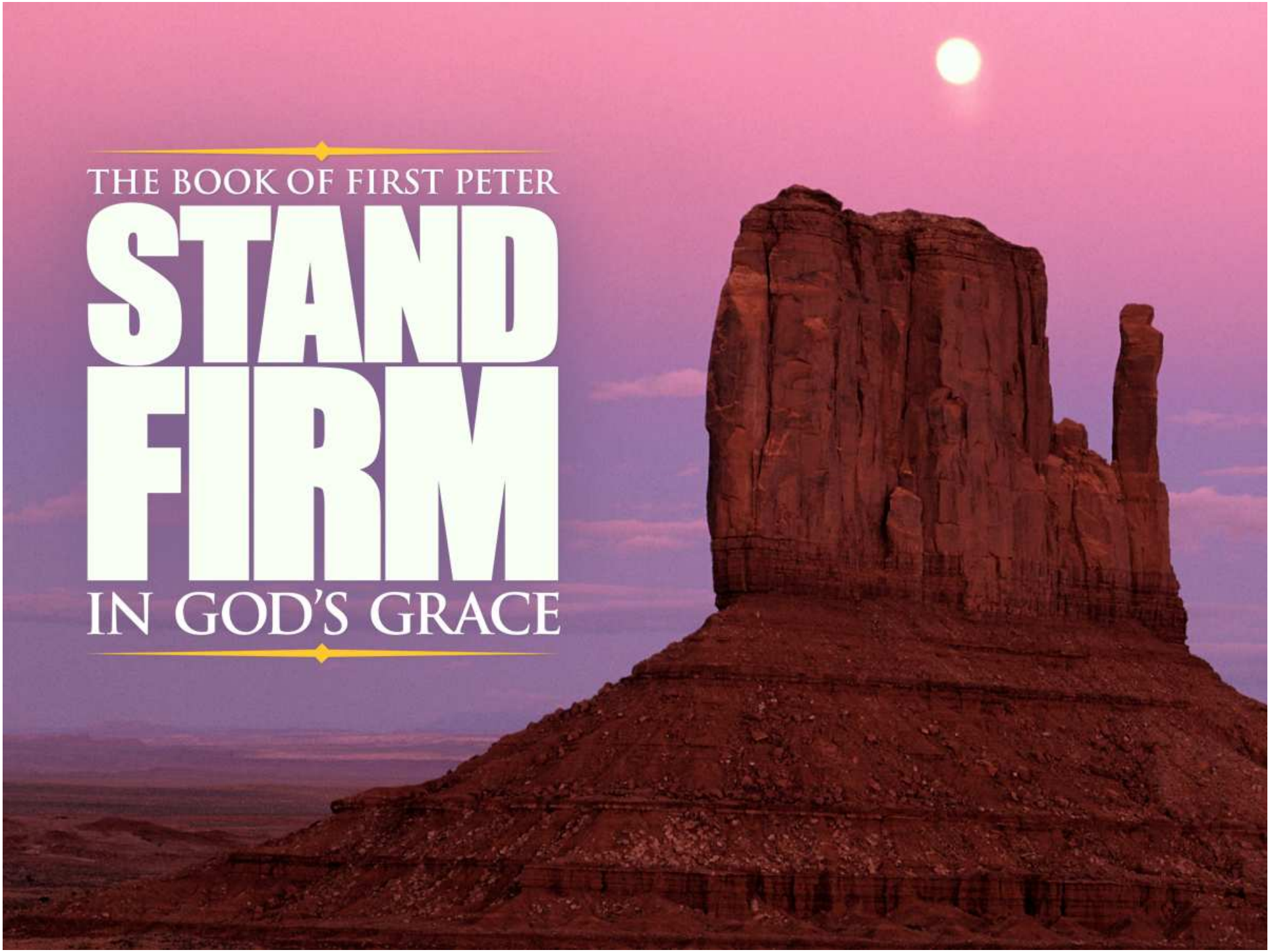
THE BOOK OF FIRST PETER
STAND FIRM
IN GOD'S GRACE


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1 Peter 2:11-12
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Preview

- Identity
- Innocence
- Excellence

Verses

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- Acts 13:9
- Acts 22:23-29

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- Abstain (Strong's Concordance)
  - G568
  - apechō
  - From G575 and G2192; (active) to *have out*, that is, *receive in full*; (intransitive) to *keep* (oneself) *away*, that is, *be distant* (literally or figuratively): - be, have, receive.

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- My Desert Time
- Testimonies (Baptism)
- The Road (Jordan Valley)
- Hebrews 12:5-6

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- Excellent
  - G2570
  - kalos
  - Of uncertain affinity; properly *beautiful*, but chiefly (figuratively) *good* (literally or morally), that is, *valuable* or *virtuous* (for *appearance* or *use*, and thus distinguished from G18, which is properly *intrinsic*): - X better, fair, good (-ly), honest, meet, well, worthy.

Application—Excellence

- Behavior
  - G390
  - anastrepho
  - From G303 and G4762; to *overturn*; also to *return*; by implication to *busy* oneself, that is, *remain*, *live:* - abide, behave self, have conversation, live, overthrow, pass, return, be used.

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Application—Excellence

- If you were about to do something or make a decision that had negative consequences, would you want someone to tell you?
  (1) No
  (0) Maybe / Depends
  (7) Yes

Application—Excellence

- If yes, from the following list of people, who would you be willing to listen to? (Please answer any or all.)
  - (6) Family
  - (7) Close friends
  - (3) Friends
  - (3) Friendly acquaintances
  - (5) Acquaintances
  - (3) Strangers
  - (2) Enemies

Application—Excellence

- How should these people tell you?
  - (0) Should they hint at it in some way?
  - (0) Should they write you a letter, email, post, etc.?
  - (5) Should they tell you in a respectful and caring way?
  - (2) Should they tell you outright without regard of how you might react?

Application—Excellence

- If you could sum up Christians in one word, what would that word be and why?
  - Positive

    Faithful Loving Forgiving

    Hopeful Caring
  - Neutral

    No word
  - Negative

    Religious Gullible

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