

STANDING IN GOD'S GRACE

An overview of I Peter

Will you stand in God's grace today?

- Let's look and learn from Peter what that involves

I. PETER'S COMMUNICATION (1:12b and 5:12b)

A. HIS PRAYER (1:2b)

- May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure

1. The particulars: Grace and peace
2. The plentitude: In the fullest measure
3. The prayerful one: Peter prayed for the scattered believers

B. HIS PROMPT (5:12b)

1. Writing you
2. Coaching you
3. Assuring you
4. Imploring you: Stand firm in grace

II. THE BELIEVER'S CONDUCT

- When standing in God's grace we will be ...

A. THRILLED ABOUT SALVATION (1:3-12)

1. Praising God for His plan (3-5)
2. Rejoicing though distressed (6-9)
3. Amazed at God's revelation (10-12)

B. FOCUSED ON SANCTIFICATION (1:13-2:10)

1. A Holy Conduct (1:13-16)
2. A Holy Reverence (1:17-21)
3. A Holy Love (1:22-25)
4. A Holy Growth (2:1-3)
5. A Holy Priesthood (2:4-10)

C. FAVORABLE IN SOCIETY (2:11-3:12)

- Living honorably before others while looking forward to Heaven

1. Toward Observers (2:11-12)
2. Toward Authorities (2:13-17)
3. Toward Bosses (2:18-25)
4. Toward Spouses (3:1-7)
5. Toward Aggressors (3:8-12)

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D. FAITHFUL AMID SUFFERING (3:13-5:9)

1. Sanctify Christ as Lord (3:13-17)
2. Trust God's Ways (3:18-22)
3. Seek God's Will (4:1-6)
4. Serve God's people (4:7-11)
5. Rejoice Amid Ordeals (4:12-19)
6. Be Humble Among Brethren (5:1-7)
7. Resist God's Enemy (5:8-9)
8. Watch God Work (5:10-11)

CONCLUSION:**Look where Peter's readers were**

1. Amid trials (1:6)
2. Afflicted by mistreatment (2:19)
3. Suffering for the sake of righteousness (3:14)
4. In fiery ordeals (4:12)
5. Temporarily suffering (5:10)

But that's not where they were to stand!

Peter tells them to stand in grace (5:12)

Where are we? > In the midst of unrest, uncertainty and unfavorableness

But that's not where we are to stand!

- Do not stand with your gang or groupies
- Do not stand in gripes or grievances

We are to stand in God's grace

- Accept His salvation if you've not yet done so
- Marvel at His favor and communicate His goodness
- Stand there ... stay there ...

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