

I PETER 5:10-14

Intro: With this message we conclude our study of the book of I Peter. We began this study the 1st Sunday in January. As we began this series, we did not know how appropriate it would be to us as a body of believers and some of you personally. Since this is a book written to believers about suffering, it has been a timely and hopefully beneficial study. Let's look at the concluding verses of this book.

- I. Peter began his letter by drawing attention to _____, and he concludes the same way. Vs 10-11
- A. God is the God of all _____ Vs 10 a
1. Grace
 - a. **God's Riches At Christ's Expense**
 - b. Underserved, and unearnable _____ from God
 - c. God giving to sinful man what he does not deserve- _____ and salvation
 2. God first introduced mankind to His grace in the Garden of Eden after the fall of man
 - a. Gen 3:15-Proto-evangelium (The first mention of the Gospel in Scripture)
"And the LORD God said unto the serpent...I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."
 - b. When mankind should have died for their disobedience, God spared their life and provided a _____ for their nakedness Gen 3:21
 - c. God, showing _____ to Adam and Eve, drove them from the Garden of Eden so they would not eat of the tree of life and live forever in their sinful deteriorating condition Gen 3:23-24
 3. The usage of the word "grace" in Scripture:
 - a. Used 37 times in the OT
 - b. Used 122 times in the NT
 - c. The word is first used in Genesis 6:8-But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.
 - d. The word is used last the last verse of the Bible, Rev 22:21-The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.
- B. The God Who has called the believer to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus Vs 10b
1. The hope of every born-again Child of God— _____!
 2. Isa 6:1-7; Rev 21:1-7, 9-22:5
 3. A song writer stated it this way: "Surrounded by Your Glory, what will my heart feel? Will I dance for your Jesus, or in awe of you be still? Will I stand in your presence, or to my knees will I fall? Will I sing hallelujah, or will I be able to speak at all? I can only imagine when all I will do is forever worship You! I can only imagine!"
 4. **Called**-an invitation that will never be _____, and will take an eternity to fulfill
 5. **By Jesus Christ**-the _____ way the invitation from the Father is issued!
 - a. Re 4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.
 - b. Re 5:9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;
 - c. **He alone is worthy!**
- C. The God who is _____ working in the life of the believer "after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you." Vs 10c

1. Rom 8:28-29-And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. 29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.
 2. 1 John 3:1-2 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. 2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.
- D. This God is worthy of _____ the glory, praise and worship we can ever give to Him!
Vs 11-To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

II. Peter's saluation Vs 12-14

- A. Peter places himself on the same spiritual _____ with the recipients of his letter Vs 12b "I have written briefly, exhorting, and testifying that this is the true grace of God wherein ye stand."
- B. Peter admonishes the believers to behave a Child of _____, and not as children of the _____ . Vs 14a
 1. Love for the Brethren is to _____ characterize the Christian. "Greet ye one another with a kiss of charity."
 - a. 1 John 3:11, 14-18, 23
 - b. 1 John 4:7-12, 16-21
 - c. 1 John 5:2
 2. _____ among the brethren can only be found in the Lord Jesus Christ Vs 14b
 - a. Eclectic Notes: "How precious is 'peace' as the suited portion to us all that are in Christ! How unseemly among such is difference and dispute, self-seeking and strife! Were Christ the object as He is entitled to be, these things could not be."
 - b. In John 14:27 Jesus stated, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."
 - c. In John 16:33 He also stated, "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

Concl: Through out this book that Peter has written to "scattered believers" he has continually reminded them that _____ is in control, and His will is being accomplished even if it is difficult for them to understand. He began his letter to them by pointing them to the _____ things God has done in their behalf. He concluded his letter by once again reminding them that love and peace are found _____ in Christ Jesus, and that Christ-like love and peace should characterize the way they live. Between this wonderful beginning and ending of his letter, he has sandwiched the fact that even though they are going through suffering, it _____ last for ever. He also has given them scriptural counsel in how they should look at and _____ to their sufferings.