

Standing Firm in the True Grace of God

Introduction:

- A. "I have written briefly to you, exhorting and declaring that this is the true grace of God." (1 Pet 5:12).
- B. What better way to understand "true grace" than to survey these declarations and exhortations?

I. _____ of the Gospel of the Grace of God

- A. Jesus of Nazareth is God's anointed Savior, Prophet, Priest, and King — the _____ (1:1a).
- B. King Jesus has a _____ — citizens of his kingdom — "elect exiles" (1:1b).
- C. These ordinary people have come to be Christ's in accordance with (1:2):
 - 1. "The foreknowledge of God the Father"
 - 2. "In the sanctification of the Spirit"
 - 3. "For obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood"
- D. We have been "_____ again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus" (1:3).
- E. Being guarded through faith, we are looking forward to a perfect _____ (1:4-5).
- F. Life on this earth is difficult (1:6-8), but the outcome of our faith will be _____ (1:9).

II. _____ to Live as the People of God, to the Glory of God

- A. Prepare your minds for action and set your hope on coming _____ (1:13).
- B. Live for the remainder of your time on earth as obedient _____ of God (1:14-2:3).
 - 1. Not conforming to the passions of your former ignorance (1:14).
 - 2. _____ in all of your conduct, as your Father in heaven is holy (1:15-16).
 - 3. Never forgetting the cost of your ransom—the precious blood of Christ (1:17-21).
 - 4. Having tasted the Lord's goodness, _____ one another from purified hearts (1:22-2:3).
- C. Live for the remainder of your time on earth with a new, Christ-centered _____ (2:4-12).
 - 1. Like living stones, being built up as a spiritual house (2:5a).
 - 2. A holy _____, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God (2:5b).
 - 3. A people for God's own possession, that we might proclaim his excellencies (2:9-10).
 - 4. Sojourners and exiles in the present, whose _____ matters (2:11-12).
- D. Live for the remainder of your time on earth in submission to ultimate _____ (2:13-3:17).
 - 1. To every human institution, as servants of God (2:13-25).
 - 2. At _____, as fellow heirs of the grace of life (3:1-7).
 - 3. In relation to each other, as the family of God (3:8-12).
 - 4. In relation to unbelievers, as those who are dedicated to _____ (3:13-17).
- E. Walk for the remainder of your time on earth in the _____ of Christ (3:18-5:11).
 - 1. Living no longer for human passions, but for the will of God (4:1-7).
 - 2. Above all, loving and _____ one another to the glory of God (4:8-11).
 - 3. In trials, entrusting our souls to a faithful Creator while doing good (4:12-19).
 - 4. _____, as shepherds of the flock of God among them (5:1-5a).
 - 5. Clothed with humility, resisting the devil, firm in faith, dependent upon God (5:5b-11).