

Peter's First Epistle

I-PETER

CHAPTER 5:5-11

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TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

"RECOGNIZING GOD'S GRACE"

THE CHRISTIANS JOURNEY THROUGH THE WILDERNESS OF THE WORLD

THEME OF THE BOOK:

1 Peter 5:12

I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God in which you stand.

INTRODUCTION: Reading of the Text 5:5-11

If Somebody Were to Ask You *the question 'why did peter write this letter, the first thing that should come to mind is "To Reveal God's Grace"*

What Does it Mean to be:
"RECOGNIZING GOD'S GRACE"

Chapters 1&2

Reveals God's Grace:
in the work of salvation

Chapters 2&3

Reveals God's Grace:
in living a submitted life

Chapters 3&4

Reveals God's Grace:
in suffering, knowing that there is purpose

Chapters 4&5

Reveals God's Grace:
in Christian love toward God, by serving one another

To Reveal to us, God's Wonderful Grace

Ephesians 2:5,8-9

even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved...⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

Jesus Told us of Situation where grace was powerfully revealed

Luke 10:30-35

Then Jesus said that there was "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.³¹ "Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.³² "Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side.³³ "But a certain Samaritan man, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion.³⁴ "So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.³⁵ "On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.'"

The Wounded man

- Unconscious and Unaware, wounded and dying

The Samaritan

- Not obligated, not expected, gives grace freely

Grace is;

Special Favor Being Given Freely, What Could Never Have Been Earned

This Is Your Life, My Life.... Ready?

Romans 3:23

for all have sinned and have fallen short of the glory of God,

But This Is God's Life For You, Me.... Ready?

Romans 3:24

but now being **justified freely by His grace**
through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

It Means A lot to Me personally
to have this Teaching come From and Through Peter!

Peter, Giving it His Best Shot,
Only brought out His Worst Side

Mark 9:4-6

And Elijah appeared to them with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵ and Peter answered (who asked him anything?) and Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it's good for us to be here; and let us make three tents: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"-- ⁶ Peter said this because he did not know what to say, for they all were greatly afraid.

Just Then Moses and Elijah Had to Say...
Who's This Guy?

That's Peter, (almost with a sparkle in His eye He says)
I'm going to give him keys to the kingdom
None of us are worthy to receive anything from God...

Luke 12:32

"Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you
the kingdom.

GRACE MAN! ~ GRACE MAN!

And So Peter Found a Friend in Grace!

In Fact, God Brought Out the Best in Peter

The Chapter Outline is divided in three sections:
(the service of God's grace in the life of the believer)

Verses 1-4 **Shepherding the flock of God**
Verses 5-7 **Submission to the will of God**
Verses 8-11 **Suffering in the light of God**

"RECOGNIZING GOD'S GRACE"

1.) Revealed by Being Humble

vv. 5-7

Verse 5

*Likewise you younger people, **submit** yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you **be submissive** to one another, and be clothed with **humility**, for "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."*

Verse 5a

*Likewise you younger people, **submit** yourselves to your elders*

* **Submit** **GRK 5293 hupotasso (hoop-ot-as'-so)**
 to be subordinate. To place yourself under obedience
 to another

**God wants you, younger people to submit,
even if we're right about a matter**

Did you know that There is to be generation gap in the
church that is supposed to be there

**Older Christians are to be teaching
the Younger Christians
(And the younger ones had better listen...)**

Verse 5b

*Yes, all of you **be submissive** to one another*

Young and old alike, together in the Lord

The young need loving attention from
(Christian Grandpa's & Grandma's)

The elders have the need to minister to the
(Christian young man or woman)

Verse 5c

*and be **clothed** with **humility***

- * **Clothed** **GRK 1463 egkomboomai (eng-kom-bo'-om-ahēe)**
to gird, to rap oneself for labor. To dawn the apron as being a badge of servitude. to wear the garments of service, a uniform

- * **Humility** **GRK 5012 tapeinophrosune (tap-i-nof-ros-oo'-nay);**
humiliation of mind, in humbleness of the mind, humility.
To be have a **LONELINESS** of mind.

It's no false humility - which is pride
Oh, I can't sing, I can't play, I can't after you just have!

Ephesians 4:21b-25

....you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: ²² that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, ²³ and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴ and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. ²⁵ Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another.

The Same Thought is in Paul's Letter to the Colossians

Colossians 3:9-10

Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, ¹⁰ and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,

Galatians 3:26-27

For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Our culture's estimation of it 'self'
is in another indication of the last days

2 Timothy 3:1-5

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: ² For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³ unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, ⁴ traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

(ARE READY FOR THIS, THEY BEEN SEEN GOING TO CHURCH)

⁵ having a form of godliness but denying its power.

And from such people turn away!

Verse 5d

Why ?

*Because "God **resists** the proud, but gives grace to the humble."*

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Resists GRK 498 antitassomai (an-tee-tas'-som-ahee);

to arrange himself against. To oppose you

To Stick Out the Chest

Remember the sumo wrestler guys

(-) *Pride is not serving, not caring, not humble*

(+) *Humility is serving, is caring, is not proud*

Verse 5e

*but gives grace to the **humble***

Daniel Webster Defines **humble** as;

1.

A marked meekness or selflessness of behavior, attitude, and spirit; not arrogant or prideful.

2.

Showing a submissive respect toward others.

3.

To take a lower rank or position of being unpretentious

Philippians 2:5-7

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being **in the form of God**, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, **taking the form of a bondservant**, and *coming in the likeness of men*. -- **That sounds pretty humbling**

How will this be lived out in life?

That I decide today, to willfully determine to Service others and to watch out for their interests over my own...

This is so “Jesus Like”

Philippians 2:3-4

Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. ⁴ Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

*The humble are not those who are proud
of their humility.*

But those who don't see “much” of themselves

'Much' - as in Not Often

Application: *Pride is a Declaration Against God.*

It's the Warring and Striving Against Someone
That **You Know** You Should Be in Harmony With

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((You be submissive to one another))

You can always tell when you've worked out really hard cuz you'll begin to have muscle spasms and you'll kinda quiver a bit

Fighting with a dumbbell will wear you out

*To put on an attitude
and mindset that is Godly*

For "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

Pride will hinder the amount of grace
that flows into my life

{But submission places me in the
position to be GRACED by God}

How do Can You Tell If You Suffer From Pride?

That's Easy to Determine...

#1 Ask your real friends if they think you're proud

*If they say yes... and you go ballistic about it....
chances are your heads to big*

An Old Testament Example

2 Samuel 12:7a

Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD God....

In **Proverbs 27:6** Solomon Said...

Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

#2 You can't handle criticism, you take it too personal

*When things don't go your way...
you pout and 'putter' around about it*

In **The Proverbs Solomon,**

A fool despises his instruction, but he who receives correction
is wise man.

#3 You have to be Right all the Time.

*Not being able to be truly sorry or repentful.
Then you're pretty much being resistant to God's Will*

2 Corinthians 7:10

For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be
regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.

What is Pride?

It appears to be a spiritual decease of the heart.
It effects the brain and will eventually destroy
the entire person

**It's a self-centered, self-reliant, self-confident
mind set**

The Opposite is:

Philippians 4:13

I can do all things **(through Christ)** who strengthens me.

How Can I Defeat Pride?

a.) Decide to Submit

b.) Decide to Die

Galatians 2:20

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

c.) Decide to Live

Micah 6:8

He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?

Verse 6

*Therefore humble yourselves under **the mighty hand of God**,
that He may exalt you in due time,*

Humility will cause and result in
you being more influential in people's lives

How does that Happen

Verse 7

*(BY) -- **casting** all your **care** upon Him, for He cares for you.*

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Casting

GRK 1977 *epiriptō* (ep-ir-hrip'-to)

to be yielding it to Him. Trusting and Resting in Him to take the burden. (Let me carry that for you)

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Care

GRK 3308 *merimna* (*mer'-im-nah*)

anxiety, to be pulled apart. To be 'quartered' by your anxieties

Luke 10:41

And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things.

Philippians 4:6

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

He Cares

He takes the Sting, the pressure, the problem

If you're worrisome,

anxious, and troubled about "things" - you're not being
submissive to god

GOING IN ONE DIRECTION - NOT BEING SIDETRACKED

"RECOGNIZING GOD'S GRACE"

2.) Revealed by Being Watchful

vv. 8-9

Verse 8

*Be **sober**, be **vigilant**; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.*

TURN TO EPHESIANS 6:10-18

Verse 8a

*Be **sober**, be **vigilant***

* **Vigilant** GRK 1127 gregoreuo (gray-gor-yoo'-o);
to keep awake, to stay up and guard the house
to be watching out for

Verse 8b

*because your **adversary** the **devil** walks about like a roaring lion, seeking
whom he may devour*

He's Your Very Own Satan,

Submission to God,
Empowers me against Satan's temptations
which is.... **distractions** - to have you 'quartered'

Verse 8c

#1 - *He **walks** about like a **roaring** lion,*

A roaring lion

Almost like a moaning,
Like in the African night...

Field biologists tell us that as evening comes on, the
lion will roar-about and then when killing time
comes.... an uneasy silence comes.

#2 - *Seeking whom he may devour*

***In the Original Greek language, the word 'devour'
means to... DEVOUR!!!***

The Warning Given to Cain

Genesis 4:7a

"If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, **sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you.....**

Luke 22:31-32a

And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. ³² But I have prayed for you,

Verse 9

Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

Verse 9a

Resist him, steadfast in the faith

*(Like a house on fire, you scramble....)
(Like an air raid siren.... you take cover)*

How Do I Resist Him?

Verse 9b

steadfast in the faith

Faith in God (our general)

Faith in God's Word (our orders)

Stand Hard in the Faith

"RECOGNIZING GOD'S GRACE"

3.) Revealed by Being Hopeful

vv. 10-11

Verse 10

*But may the God of **all** grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, **after you have suffered a while**, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.*

All Grace - Not Some

(Can you imagine how much grace it takes to keep us near Him?)

Just to say good morning, this morning....

O.K. Jack, Today's Monday
- You have 96% Grace today....
Tuesday, there'll be a shortage on Tuesday
just 37% so watch it!!!

Verse 11

To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

The Reaction of the Flesh

Resist **GRK 498 antitassomai (an-tee-tas'-som-ahee);**
To arrange oneself against himself. To be in opposition to yourself.
To be at war against yourself

The Reaction of the Spirit

Grace **GRK 5485 charis (khar'-ece)**
To deem acceptable, well benefit, special favor, gift, to be grace-ed'

Matthew 11:28-30

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."