

# THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PETER

TO THE CHURCH OF THE DISPERSION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

## 1-PETER CHAPTER 5:10-14

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### THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

### **“Until We Meet Again”**

The Ministry of The Grace of God Toward All Those Who Are Anchored in Christ.

### **1 Peter 5:10-14**

**: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**. **:11 To Him be the glory** and the **dominion** forever and ever. Amen. **:12 By Silvanus**, our faithful brother as I consider him, I have written to you briefly, **exhorting** and **testifying** that this is the **true grace of God in which you stand**. **:13** She who is in **Babylon**, **elect** together with you, **greet** you; and so does **Mark** my son. **:14 Greet** one another with a kiss of **love**. **Peace** to you all who are **in Christ Jesus**. Amen.

In almost all religions of the world, past and present, there is some form or belief in a paradise or a nirvana or a heaven of some sort. Their descriptions vary. Some describe a male-dominated, sex-crazed, supersized pleasure-palace, while others say that your soul forever drifts throughout eternity from one celestial neighborhood to another.

## The Bible Knows Nothing of These Strange Things.

The Bible's Description of an Eternal Heaven is so well documented in the Scriptures. Enough is said to comfort you and to build anticipation, while enough is left unsaid to stir your heart & mind.

### **1 Corinthians 2:9 (Isaiah 64:4)**

But as it is written: *“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”*

### **2 Corinthians 12:4 NLT**

I was caught up to paradise and heard things so astounding that they cannot be expressed in words, things no human is allowed to tell.

## The Heaven of the Bible Makes Perfect Sense

But until heaven comes for the follower of Jesus Christ, life for the Christian is a meaningful, purposeful, expedition into this world where we now are the agents of truth, love and hope.

In The Here & Now, In Earth Time - Heaven is Our Guarantee.  
For others of the faith, this is no longer needed as they have entered into the glories of **heaven**.

### Hebrews 12:1a-2

Therefore we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
**2** looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith,

### Until We Meet Again

1.) God will be at work in your life

vs. 10-11

**: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** **:11** **To Him be the glory** and the **dominion** forever and ever. Amen.

### Until We Meet Again

God will be at work in your life

1a.) With every ounce of favor

vs. 10a

**:10** But may the **God of all grace**,

### Peter's Mood and Enthusiasm Changes Here.

In **verses 1-9** he employs what is an **imperative style**:  
**a command or instructive mood**.

**Elders** – do this, do that.

**Younger** – do this, do that. // **The Proud** – Humble yourselves.  
**Be Sober, Be Vigilant.** // **Resist** the Devil at Every Attack.

Now in **verses 10-14** he speaks to his readers in the **Indicative style**, with a tender **affection**. In a **fatherly / brotherly mood**.

( It's as if his arms are opened wide as he ends his letter. )

ALL GRACE (un-merited, un-earnable favor)

The imagery is that of grace being poured out like a flood. Like a downpour in the desert and streams begin to appear in the wilderness.

This verse is loaded with more that is unspoken.  
This "ALL GRACE" is referring to THE INFINITE ACTS of God in your life to  
(#1) make you like Jesus Christ and (#2) to have you  
be in His presence in heaven.

#### ALL GRACE

#### 2 Corinthians 9:8

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you,  
always having all sufficiency in all things,

#### Until We Meet Again

God will be at work in your life

1b.) With every moment accounted for

vs. 10b-11

**:10b** who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, (mark you for maturity) perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you **:11** To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

### Salvation is but one chapter in our Christian Experience

**Called** grk: kaleo; to be invited, summoned, or called out to.

**suffered** grk: paizqw patho, to experience a sensation or impression of pain. Usually painful with an unusual pain. To hurt; to be vexed.

**a while** grk: oligos; a few, a little, a small, a brief, a numbered length of time (implying that suffering at its longest duration – is short in comparison).

“A while” is not referring to any set period of time as being short or long, but is an “eschatological statement” meaning when this dispensation is over – when Christ comes for either you or his church!

#### 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. **17** For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, **18** while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Please do not think for a moment that the Bible here is teaching that we must suffer a while so as to earn heaven.

In the doctrine of redemption and sanctification,  
What you need to know is the overwhelming peace and confidence that is  
yours. The LORD has intentionally, deliberately, and willingly placed Himself in a  
position whereby He must finish what He has begun in your life.

**perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you**  
**:11 To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.**

## **All are ancient architectural / reconstruction terms** **known and understood by all in those days.**

Perfect grk: **katartizo**; to complete fully, to make prepared, to equip, to mend the  
net. **“Completion” under construction.**

### **Matthew 4:21**

Going on from there, Jesus saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee,  
and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father,  
**(katartizo) mending** their nets.

## **Jesus Christ Mends Lives – It’s What He Does.**

establish grk: **sterizo**; to make resolute. To set into place. A thermo-set, something  
heated up and poured into a mold.

Strengthen grk: **sthenoo**; to make strong by hardening or conditioning.

settle you grk: **themelioo**; to lay the foundation, the rock that is to be the “fixed point”  
or the ANCHOR – THE THEME OF 1PETER

## **The Finish(ing) work of Christ in Your Life**

### **Philippians 1:6**

being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you  
will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

( Remember – Jesus is not only The Shepherd, He is the Carpenter. )

## **Jesus and His Finished Work on Display.**

Verse 11

**:11 To Him be the glory and the dominion**  
forever and ever. Amen.

### John 20:3-7

Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb. **4** So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first. **5** And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he did not go in. **6** Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying there, **7** *and the handkerchief that had been around His head, (#1) not lying with the linen cloths, But (#2) **folded** together in (#3) **a place** (#4) **by itself**.*

Make No Mistake,  
at the cross Jesus cried out "it is finished", signifying that the sins of all of mankind had now been paid for by His sacrifice. The crimson ticket for entrance into heaven was purchased by the blood of Christ....

...But all was not finished regarding our redemption – to complete it fully, Jesus would have to be resurrected from the dead so as to empower that sacrifice. - - Glory be to God – Jesus Lives!

God has Called you to an eternal glory.  
( Stop talking Christianese and tell me what that means. )

kindness – He has prepared for you the ultimate experience of kindness in heaven.

joy – He has prepared for you the ultimate experience of joy in heaven.

acceptance – He has prepared for you the ultimate experience of acceptance in heaven.

happiness – He has prepared for you the ultimate experience of happiness in heaven.

fun – He has prepared for you the ultimate experience of fun in heaven.

### Until We Meet Again

2.) God will be providing for your life

vs. 12-14

**:12** By **Silvanus**, our **faithful** brother as I **consider** him, I have written to you briefly, **exhorting** and **testifying** that this is the **true grace of God in which you stand**. **:13** **She** who is in **Babylon**, **elect** together with you, **greet** you; and so does **Mark** my son. **:14** **Greet** one another with a kiss of **love**.  
**Peace** to you all who are **in Christ Jesus**. Amen.

**Until We Meet Again**  
God will be providing for your life

2a.) Providing faithful brethren

vs. 12a

:12 By **Silvanus**, our **faithful** brother **as I consider** him,  
I (Peter) have written to you briefly,

The People and Names of the Bible.

Silas or Silvanus and Mark greet you all.

Friends and Foes Along the Way (time will tell all).

**2 Corinthians 4:2**

Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found **faithful**.

**Until We Meet Again**  
God will be providing for your life

2b.) Providing unwavering confidence

vs. 12b

:12b **exhorting** and **testifying** that this is the **true grace of God**

**True** as in real, reality, or authentic  
meaning that this is the kind of grace that you need and that you have to  
own to endure unto the end.

**Exhorting** grk: **parakaleo**; to come alongside, to encourage, challenge, to appeal to,  
to entreat.

**Testifying** grk: **epimartureo**; (I as in the individual) bear witness to the things taught

**Acts 5:18-20**

And so they laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison.

**19** But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought  
them out, and said, **20** “**Go, stand in the temple and speak to  
the people all the words of this life.**”

**Until We Meet Again**  
God will be providing for your life

2c.) Providing lasting endurance

vs. 12c

:12c in which you stand.

# What Does This Kind of Grace Look Like?

It's Construction Talk Here / Foundation Building Talk Here

**Stand** grk: histemi; to be firmly **set**. To be **held, fastened** or **kept** in place.

## **Ephesians 6:13-14a**

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to (histemi ) stand. **:14a** Stand (histemi) therefore,

## **Jude 1:24**

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

## **SO, THIS IS HOW YOU STAND;**

“Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ’s sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. Resist the Devil, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”

**1 Peter 4:12-13, 1 Peter 5:9, 1 Corinthians 10:13**

## **2 Corinthians 12:9**

And the Lord said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

## **Until We Meet Again**

**God will be providing for your life**

**2d.) Providing eternal relationships**

**vs. 13-14**

**:13a She** who is in **Babylon, elect** together with **you, greets you**; and so does **Mark** my son.

**She** (the church) who is in **Babylon, (Rome)**  
**elect** (the doctrine of election) together with **you**

**1 Peter 1:2**

**Elect** according to the **foreknowledge** of God the Father,

**Romans 8:28**

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the **called** according to His purpose. **29** For whom He **foreknew**, He also **predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son**,

Verse 14

**:14 Greet** one another with a kiss of **love**.  
**Peace** to you all who are **in Christ Jesus**. Amen.

Do You Know What This Means – To Be IN CHRIST?  
Is Christ in you, friend?

This Addresses The Lordship Issue and Salvation

The Soul and Spirit of the Follower of Jesus Christ  
is happily Anchored to the very Existence of God Himself.

**James 4:14**

You do not know what will happen tomorrow. **For what is your life?**  
It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.

I will live only as long as Jesus Christ will live.  
I will be forgiven only as long as Jesus Christ forgives.  
I now love only as long as Jesus Christ will love me.

**Numbers 6:24-26**

And now may The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: **25** The Lord make his face  
shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: **26** The Lord lift up his  
countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

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*End of Study*

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