

FIRST PETER

The Christian's Life in Exile —Part 29

5:12-14— “The Peace of God’s People”—November 8, 2015

“My dear McCartney, he replied, ‘the peace you speak of is in my case more than a delightful privilege, it is a necessity.’ He said most emphatically, ‘I could not possibly get through the work I have to do without the peace of God ‘which passeth all understanding’ keeping my heart and mind.”—J. Hudson Taylor to H. B. McCartney, a pastor from Melbourne, Australia

The Christian’s Election and Exile—1 Pet. 1:1-2

The Christian’s Position in the People of God—1 Pet. 2:4-10

The Christian’s Living Hope—1 Pet. 1:3-11

The Christian’s Obligations in the People of God—1 Pet. 2:11-3:12

The Christian’s Life in Relation to God—1 Pet. 1:13-2:3

The Christian’s Sufferings—1 Pet. 3:13-3:22

The Christian’s Conduct—1 Pet. 4:1-11

The Christian’s Instructions for Suffering Well—1 Pet. 4:12-5:14

A Final Exhortation and Greeting—1 Peter 5:12-14

¹² By Silvanus, a faithful brother as I regard him, I have written briefly to you, exhorting and declaring that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it. ¹³ She who is at Babylon, who is likewise chosen, sends you greetings, and so does Mark, my son. ¹⁴ Greet one another with the kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

The Written Word and the True Grace of God

Silvanus—Very likely the Latinized version of the name _____.

- ⇒ A prominent member of the Jerusalem church (Acts 15:22-23) who eventually accompanied Paul on his 2nd missionary journey after the falling out with Barnabas (Acts 15:36-40).
- ⇒ Given the nature of this letter, it makes sense that he was chosen to deliver it and to offer comfort and instruction to these believers because of his own history of suffering for the Gospel (Acts 16:23).

The Question of _____:

Why are these writings significant?

⇒ The Triune God → Apostles → Writings → Others → Churches
1 Cor. 2:13 2 Pet. 1:21; 3:16 2 Tim. 2:2 1 Thess. 5:27
1 Pet. 5:12 2 Tim. 3:15-17

Without God’s _____ we have no assurance of God’s _____.

The Purpose of the Letter:

To “declare”—[epimartyreō]—To bear witness or to establish by _____.

To “exhort”—[parakaleō]— To call to one’s _____ in order to entreat, give comfort, or to instruct.

“...the true grace of God.” To _____ the truth of the Gospel. (1:3,18-19; 2:21; 3:18; 4:6-7)

To _____ in accordance with these truths. (1:6,14-17, 22-23; 2:1,11-12; 2:13-3:7, 3:9,15; 4:8-11; 13-14; 5:5-7)

The Intended Response: “Stand firm...”

- ⇒ _____ the grace of Jesus Christ.
- ⇒ _____ the trials that we experience.
- ⇒ _____ the attacks of the enemy.

Final Greetings:

“She who is at Babylon...” → _____. Recalls the theme of _____. (1:1; 2:11)

“...who is likewise chosen...” Recalls the theme of _____. (1:1-2, 15; 2:9)

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Mark—A reference to John Mark who had accompanied Paul and Barnabas on their first missionary journey and abandoned them. There was reconciliation, and Mark was a son in the Lord to Peter in the same way that Timothy was to Paul.

“Greet one another with a kiss of love...” Recalls the theme of _____ (1:22; 2:17; 3:8; 4:8)

The Peace of Knowing Christ

⇒ While Paul closed with blessings of grace, Peter closes this letter with a blessing of peace.

“Peace to all of you who are in Christ.”

He is our peace with God!—Romans 5:1-2

He is our peace with one another!—Eph. 2:12-14

He is our peace in the midst of anxious circumstances!—Phil 4:6-7

He is the _____ of peace!—Is. 9:6

What is Peter doing in this passage?

Peter is closing his exhortations to Christians by reminding them that in knowing the _____ of God they can experience His _____ as they live lives that are _____ to Him for His glory and purpose in the world.