

1 Peter 5:10-14

The Out of This World Bottom Line of 1 Peter

Concluding (and Overriding) Truth Believers Must Keep in Mind

In the Midst of Our Worst Trials/Tribulations Now v10-11

After you have suffered a little while the God of all grace who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.

“a little while” (which can be decades) closes the circle of the book linking back to the introduction of 1:1-9 “in this you greatly rejoice even though now for a little while if necessary you have been distressed by various trials...”

Past Tense Salvation: the believer has been saved from the penalty of sin

Present Tense Salvation: the believer is being saved from the power of sin now

Future Tense Salvation: the believer will be saved from the presence of sin

To Him be dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Because of the Grace, Power and Goodness of God Everything Will Work Out in the End!

Until Then Christian-Cheer Up, Because It's Going to Get a Lot Worse...

...Before It Will Finally Be Made Better (Actually Perfect) Forever!

Peter's Personal Farewell v12-14

Through Silvanus, our faithful brother (for so I regard him) I have written to you briefly, exhorting and declaring that this is the true grace of God

The Inspiration of Scripture-Class A Miracle

God the Holy Spirit superintended the human authors of the Bible such that they composed and recorded without error the exact message God desired for timeless Scripture in the words of the original manuscripts. Here that process involved Peter dictating and Silvanus physically writing the words on papyrus.

The Preservation of Scripture-Class B Miracle

While none of the OMs of the NT books still exist, we have over 5000 ancient Greek manuscript copies that confirm the wording of the originals and we also have

- 1: quotations of the NT books by early church leaders which contain 98% of it
- 2: several early translations of the New Testament books.

Example: 1 Peter 5:10-some MS/translations (NASB) have “Christ” while other MS/ translations (KJV) have “Christ Jesus.” 1: This involves no significant semantic/doctrinal difference 2: The earliest MS have “Christ” the majority of MS have “Christ Jesus”

(So) stand firm in it!

Peter didn't feel a need to wait for the Councils of Nicea (325 AD) or Carthage (397 AD) to affirm the grace of God in regard to the uniqueness and the deity of Christ or the authority of Scripture including this letter although he does commend Paul's letters as Scripture (see 2 Peter 3:16) “on the spot.”

The Church Did Not Create the NT! The NT (that is the events testified to by the NT (centered on the person of Jesus as the God-Man-Savior and His work: +R life, SAS Death and His LBS-Resurrection) created and sustains to this day the Worldwide Church.

She who is in Babylon (the Rome Bible Fellowship in approximately 63-64 AD) chosen together with you sends you greetings and so does my son Mark

Greet one another with a kiss of agape love

This was a same sex non-romantic kiss on the cheeks-which was the way people in the ancient world affirmed one another when they came together and when they departed. This culturally understood convention then MIGHT be misunderstood in the culture we live in today...and thus an appropriate application would be something like “shake hands all around” or “smile and make positive eye contact to positively recognize each other” when you come together in the Local Church.”

Peace be to you all who are in Christ

The Out of This World Bottom Line of 1 Peter Should Encourage Us To Display a Holy Hangin' in There Even in the Midst of Our Worst Earthly Difficulties

Believe This.....and Live in Light of It EVERY Day

Because of the Grace, Power and Goodness of God Everything Will Work Out in the End! Until Then Christians Should Cheer Up Because It's Going to Get a Lot Worse Before It Will Finally Be Made Better (Actually Perfect) Forever (see Revelation 21-22).

1 Peter 1:1

Introduction to the Book of 1 Peter

Overall Structure of the Book

Christian Living 101 (1:1-2:10)

- 1: Summary of Christian Faith (1:3-12)-past, present and future
- 2: Survey of Christian Works (1:13-2:10)-wholeness/holiness, love and teachability

Purpose Statement of the Book (2:11-12)

As spiritual aliens on Earth, Christians should not be controlled by raw emotions/feelings but rather consistently live our faith/in facts so that those who slander us will see the reality of Christ lived out in our lives and glorify God by coming to Him in faith.

Christian Living 102 (2:13-5:14)

- 1: Submission in the Christian Life (2:13-3:12)-to authorities/responsibilities under God
- 2: Suffering in the Christian Life (3:13-5:14)-following the example of Christ

Overall Theme of the Book

When our faith is under fire, believers should refocus on our Christian “hope” in Christ to motivate us to continue to live out our faith in our spiritually hostile world.

Christian “hope” (elpis) = to eagerly anticipate to something that’s coming in the future
Christians are TDY (Temporary Duty) on Planet Earth awaiting PCS (Permanent Change of Station) in Heaven...and so we ought to live with a holy lust (strong desire) to serve (not second-guess) our LORD despite the hardships/challenges we will face in the now.

Overall Application of the Book

Believers are to keep on trusting and obeying the LORD, even when there doesn’t seem to be any “earthly reason” to keep on trusting and obeying the LORD. So, when we feel like we’re at the end of our rope, believers must doubt our doubts and tie a knot in faith resting in the LORD/His will realizing we never have enough info to 2nd guess God.