

Standing Firm in Grace and Fellowship
1 Peter 5:11-14

A. THE INTRODUCTION TO 1 PETER (1:1)

4. The *theme* of this Letter centers around SUFFERING for Christ as it relates to...
- a. SALVATION. (1:1–12)
 - b. SANCTIFICATION. (1:13–2:10)
 - c. SUBMISSION. (2:11–3:22)
 - d. SERVING. (4:1–5:7)
 - e. STEADFASTNESS. (5:8–14)
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STEADFASTNESS:

I. Readiness in Watchfulness (1 Peter 5:8)

A. Spiritual Alertness Commanded

1. Believers are called to be _____—clear-headed and spiritually focused.
2. Believers are called to be _____—watchful, alert, and ready.

B. Spiritual Danger Identified

1. Believers face a _____, hostile _____ who is constantly on the move.
2. The devil's goal is not to distract you—he seeks to _____ you.

II. Readiness in Resistance (1 Peter 5:9a)

A. Resistance Required

1. Resistance is _____—not optional.

B. Resistance Rooted in Truth

1. Faith is the steady _____ of resistance.

III. Readiness in Perspective (1 Peter 5:9b-10)

A. Shared Suffering Remembered

1. Resistance is strengthened by knowing the truth—your suffering is not _____.

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2. Your trials are _____ and _____ among believers worldwide.

B. Future Glory Assured

1. The God of _____ grace—not some grace—has _____ us.

2. The suffering is _____, but _____—in light of eternity.

C. Divine Strength Promised

1. God’s promise of restoration is _____ and comprehensive.

2. Perfect — God _____ what is lacking.

3. Establish — God _____ what is unsteady.

4. Strengthen — God _____ what is weak.

5. Settle — God _____ what is shaken.

IV. Readiness in Confidence (1 Peter 5:11)

A. God’s Sovereignty Declared - Worship as the Final Word

1. Peter responds to truth with _____.

2. Doxology is theology expressed in _____.

3. This doxology anchors the believer’s confidence not in changing _____, but in the unchanging _____ and sovereign _____ of God.

V. Readiness in Fellowship (1 Peter 5:12-14)

A. Truth Affirmed (5:12)

1. Silvanus/Silas was a trusted and faithful _____ of apostolic truth.

2. “*The true grace of God*” refers to the _____, _____ message of God’s grace—unchanged by false teaching or distorted doctrine.

3. Grace is not _____, it is the _____ that enables believers to stand firm in Christ.

B. Unity Displayed (5:13)

1. These suffering believers were not _____, they were part of a larger body of believers _____ in Christ.

2. Even mature believers can experience sharp _____, yet God’s grace is sufficient to restore _____ and _____.

C. Love Expressed (5:14a)

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1. The emphasis is not on a cultural _____, but on expressing genuine Christian _____, warmth, and fellowship among believers.

D. Peace Promised (5:14b)

1. Peter closes the epistle not merely with formal greetings, but with a picture of authentic Christian _____—believers strengthened by _____, bound together in _____, and resting in the _____ found in Christ alone.

* How Does This Apply To You?

UNSAVED - readiness in steadfastness... (5:11-14)

1. Apart from Jesus Christ, there is no _____, _____, or _____ with God.
2. The *“true grace of God”* is not earned by religion, ritual, or self-effort—it is received freely by _____ in Christ alone.
3. God invites you into His family _____—where forgiveness, fellowship, love, and peace are found in Christ Jesus.

SAVED - readiness in steadfastness ... (5:11-14)

1. Stand firm in the _____ of God—do not drift from the gospel or compromise sound doctrine.
2. Cultivate genuine Christian _____—marked by humility, love, forgiveness, and mutual care.
3. Rest daily in the _____ of Christ—remembering that your stability and security are found in Him alone.

* Summary Observations

- 1) _____ sustains believers from beginning to end.
- 2) _____ refines and strengthens faith.
- 3) _____ is anchored in Christ’s coming glory.
- 4) _____ is the proper posture of God’s people.
- 5) God is _____, _____, and _____ in every season of life.

* Stand Firm in the True Grace of God

- 1) Live with _____ in Christ’s coming glory.
- 2) Suffer with _____ under God’s hand.
- 3) Serve with _____ and love towards others.

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4) Faith-rest in the _____ and grace of God.

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