

“GRACE UNDER PRESSURE”

Wednesday, February 20, 2019 • 1 Peter 2:11-20 (NASB)



1. GRACE TO ABSTAIN UNDER PRESSURE.

1 Peter 2:11-20 (NASB) ¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul. ¹² Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe *them*, glorify God in the day of visitation.

2. GRACE TO SUBMIT UNDER PRESSURE.

¹³ Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, ¹⁴ or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right. ¹⁵ For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men. ¹⁶ Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use *it* as bondslaves of God. ¹⁷ Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.

3. GRACE TO ENDURE UNDER PRESSURE.

¹⁸ Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable. ¹⁹ For this finds favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly. ²⁰ For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer for *it* you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God.

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