

LIVING
HOPE

THE MESSAGE OF 1 PETER

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1 Peter 5:10-12

“And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen. I have written and sent this short letter to you with the help of Silas, whom I commend to you as a faithful brother. My purpose in writing is to encourage you and assure you that what you are experiencing is truly part of God’s grace for you. ***STAND FIRM IN THIS GRACE.***”

HOW DO WE **STAND FIRM** IN THE GRACE OF GOD?

WE STAND FIRM IN THE GRACE OF GOD
BY UNDERSTANDING IT'S
GRACE FOR FORGIVENESS

“God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.”

Ephesians 2:8-9

NOT works to earn Gods approval or acceptance

*“We can’t always make life work. But we can always draw near to God. There is a different way to approach our problems. There is a **NEW WAY** to live.”*

—Larry Crabb, *The Pressure’s Off*

Maybe that's what Jesus meant in Matthew 11:28-30?

““Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly.””

Matthew 11:28-30 MSG Version

WE STAND FIRM IN THE GRACE OF GOD
BY UNDERSTANDING IT'S
GRACE FOR SERVICE

Paul: 1 Cor 3:7-10

*“It’s not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What’s important is that God makes the seed grow. The one who plants and the one who waters work together with the same purpose. And both will be rewarded for their own hard work. For we are both God’s workers. And you are God’s field. You are God’s building. **Because of God’s grace to me**, I have laid the foundation like an expert builder.”*

Paul: Romans 12:3-6

*“For by the **grace given me** I say to every one of you: do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the **grace given to each of us**”*

- Where has God graced you to serve him?
- What task has God assigned to you to complete?

*OUR LIVES FIND TRUE FULFILMENT IN GIVING
OURSELVES TO OTHERS IN SERVICE.*

 *SERIES ON “DISCOVERING YOUR GIFTS”
YOUTUBE WITH HANDOUTS AND DOWNLOADS*

Carey Nieuwhof

“I stayed in ministry because I believe God had not released me from my calling. So I just obeyed. The amazing thing is, eventually, your emotions catch up to your obedience. As you get healthier, the emotions begin to work the way they should.”

**YOUR EMOTIONS EVENTUALLY CATCH UP
TO YOUR OBEDIENCE**

WE STAND FIRM IN THE GRACE OF GOD
BY UNDERSTANDING IT'S
GRACE FOR ENDURANCE

The Message of 1 Peter 5:10-12 – A Living Hope

*“Dear friends, don’t be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you. Instead, be very glad—for these trials make you partners with Christ in his suffering, so that you will have the wonderful joy of seeing his glory when it is revealed to all the world. If you are insulted because you bear the name of Christ, you will be blessed, for the **glorious Spirit of God rests upon you.**”*

1 Peter 4:12-14

*“Until we come face to face with the deepest, darkest fact of life **without damaging** our view of **Gods character**, we do not yet know him”*

Oswald Chambers

WHAT IS GODS FINAL WORD TO HIS PEOPLE?

*“He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.”
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.*

THE GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS BE WITH GOD’S PEOPLE. Amen.”

Revelation 22:20-21

“Keep a cool head. Stay alert. The Devil is poised to pounce, and would like nothing better than to catch you napping. Keep your guard up. You’re not the only ones plunged into these hard times. It’s the same with Christians all over the world. So keep a firm grip on the faith. The suffering won’t last forever. It won’t be long before this generous God who has great plans for us in Christ—eternal and glorious plans they are!—will have you put together and on your feet for good. He gets the last word; yes, he does.”

1 Peter 5:8-11 MSG Version