

**Series "Living God Gives A Living Hope"**  
**"Final Word To The Suffering"**  
**1 Peter 5:10-14**  
**Study-21**

**No matter how difficult the fiery trials may become, a Christian always has hope. God uses our suffering to make us like Himself! 1 Peter 5:10**

**Romans 8:31**

**1 Peter 3:13-5:14 – God's Grace And Suffering.**

**Thought Of The Passage:** "Peter Starts With 'Grace,' That God's Power Is Available, And 'Peace,' That He Will Complete His Work In Us."

**1. Verses 10-11 – Promises To The Suffering**

**2. Verses 12-14 – Greetings To The Believers**

**1. Verses 10-11 – Promises To The Suffering:**

1 Peter 5:10 – "After you have suffered for a little while," – Peter has just finished speaking of the responsibilities of the congregations.

"After you have suffered for a little while," – 1 Peter 1:6 – "by various trials," – Peter used the word "trials" rather than "tribulations" or "persecutions" because Peter was dealing with general problems that Christians face.

"for a little while," – "God puts limits on the scope and severity of our suffering." Peter spoke about suffering in God's will, 1 Peter 1:6.

1 Peter 2:20-21; 1 Peter 3:14, 17; 1 Peter 4:1, 12-13, 16, 19; 1 Peter 5:9

"suffered for a little while," – Our various trials are only "for a season" but the glory that results is eternal, 2 Corinthians 4:17-18.

"the God of all grace," – The very source of grace – "abounding grace, convicting grace, believing grace," 2 Corinthians 1:3.

That means that God is sufficient for every need that His people might encounter. 1 Peter 1:6 – "various trials," which literally means, "variegated, many-colored;" same word to describe God's grace in 1 Peter 4:10.

Our salvation is because of His grace, 1 Peter 1:10; Hebrews 4:16.

"who called you" – This calling came when the readers heard and received the gospel message. In which they were born again, 1 Peter 1:3.

Whatever begins with God's grace will always lead to God's glory:  
Psalm 84:11.

"to His eternal glory in Christ," – Christian Goal – In His Presence Forever,  
2 Thessalonians 2:14.

"will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you." – We need to note who is at work. It is the God of all grace; God is at work in us,  
Romans 8:29.

### **Peter Shares 4 Purposes For The Christian Suffering:**

- 1. God Will Restore You:** "will Himself perfect," – Bring To Wholeness; Greek word means "to equip, to adjust, to fit together, mending, restoring, to render fit, to complete thoroughly;" translated "mending nets," Matthew 4:21.

God Uses The Word of God – 2 Timothy 3:16-17 – thoroughly furnished means "fully equipped."

God uses the fellowship and ministry of the church –  
Ephesians 4:11-16.

- 2. God Will Confirm You:** "confirm," – Steadfast; means "to fix firmly, to set fast, fit together, to stabilize something, to supply support so that something does not totter," 1 Thessalonians 3:13; James 5:8; 2 Peter 1:12.

Romans 5:3-5

God Will Make Us Stable, As A Pillar That Won't Fall –  
Revelation 3:12 – "He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God,"

- 3. God Will Strengthen You:** "strengthen" – Make Strong; "to impart strength, to make us vigorous and strong;" God's strength given to us to meet the demands of life. What good is it to stand on a firm foundation if we do not have power to act?  
2 Corinthians 12:9.

**4. God Will Settle You:** "and establish you." – To Settle; is the translation of a word that means "to consolidate, to lay a foundation." It is used this way in Hebrews 1:10.

A believer who is equipped by God will "continue in the faith, grounded and settled," Colossians 1:23.

1 Peter 5:11 – "To Him (God) be dominion forever and ever." – "mighty power and strength;" God's ability to dominate and have everything under His control, forever!

"Amen." – Means, "to agree, to say it is so."

## **2. Verses 12-14 – Greetings To The Believers:**

Verse 12 – Description Of The Letter: "Through Silvanus," – Peter wrote this letter "Through" – "by, with the help of," "Silvanus," – Silvanus is another name for Silas.

Silas's name is mentioned 9X in the book of Acts. He was a Jew but a Roman citizen, Acts 16:37. It is interesting that Silas was associated with Peter's ministry, because originally Silas traveled with Paul as a replacement for Barnabas, Acts 15:36-41.

"our faithful brother (for so I regard him)," – He was one of the "leading men among the brethren" in the early church, Acts 15:22. Silas was a representative of the Apostles and a prophet, Acts 15:32.

"I have written to you briefly," – Peter wrote 5 chapters.

"exhorting" – "this speaks of the instructions of this letter as well as the appeals to bear the sufferings with faith and hope."

"and testifying" – Greek word being a strong verb, "testimony carries weight; Peter's testimony is confirmation and reliability; Peter's words were true."

"that this is the true grace of God." – Peter's entire letter was "a true testimony to confirm that the message of salvation received by the readers was absolutely true in spite of their sufferings."

"Stand firm in it!" – "you need to continue to enter into and keep standing fast in."

Verse 13 – Final Greeting Of The Letter: 1 Peter 5:13 – “She” – Who is She? Some say it is a reference to a “Church Fellowship” personified as a female. Others believe “She” is an actual female, possibly Peter’s wife – 1 Corinthians 9:5, reference to Peter’s wife.

Most believe “She” is “Church Fellowship,” Sister Congregation, 2 John 1:13.

“who is in Babylon,” – Peter wrote this letter “in Babylon” where there was an assembly of believers.

### **There are 3 different views:**

- 1) Ancient Babylon in Mesopotamia** – There is no evidence, either from church history or tradition, that Peter ever ministered in ancient Babylon which, at that time, did have a large community of Jews.
- 2) “Babylon”** – in Egypt; a city called “Babylon” in Egypt, but we have no proof that Peter ever visited there.
- 3) “Babylon”** – is probably a cryptic name for the city of Rome, and we do have reason to believe that Peter ministered in Rome and was probably martyred there. Rome is called “Babylon,” Revelation 17:5 and 18:10; 1 Peter 1:1.

“chosen together with you,” – these were other believers that had placed their faith in Jesus and were now brothers and sisters in Christ, 1 Peter 1:1-2.

“and so does my son, Mark.” – Peter mentions John Mark, who was the cousin of Barnabas, Colossians 4:10. He traveled with Paul and Barnabas, Acts 12:25, whose failure on the mission field is mentioned in Acts 13:13.

Verse 14 – Request And Benediction: 1 Peter 5:14.

“Greet one another with a kiss of love.” – Four times in the New Testament we will find the admonition about “a holy kiss,” Romans 16:16; 1 Corinthians 16:20; 2 Corinthians 13:12; Peter called it “a kiss of love.”

“Peace be to you all who are in Christ.” – Paul always ended his letters with a benediction of grace, 2 Thessalonians 3:18.

“Peace be to you all who are in Christ.” – Peter closed this epistle with a benediction of peace. He opened the letter with a greeting of peace, 1 Peter 1:2; John 14:27.

## **Application:**

1. We Have Been Born Again To A Living Hope. We Need To Place Our Faith In Him, Trusting Him With The Knowledge That Through Jesus, We Have A Living Hope: 1 Peter 1:3 – “to be born again to a living hope”
2. We Are Pilgrims In This Life. Our Life Is To Be Marked By Submission: We Submit Civilly To The Governing Authorities, Submit On The Job, Submit In Our Marriages, Submit In Our Fellowships, 1 Peter 3:8-9.
3. The Life Of The Christian Is An Intense Spiritual Battle. No Matter How Hot The Fiery Trial Is, God Controls The Temperature: 1 Peter 4:12-13.
4. The God Of Grace Whom We Follow Is The God Of Grace That Restores: 1 Peter 5:10.