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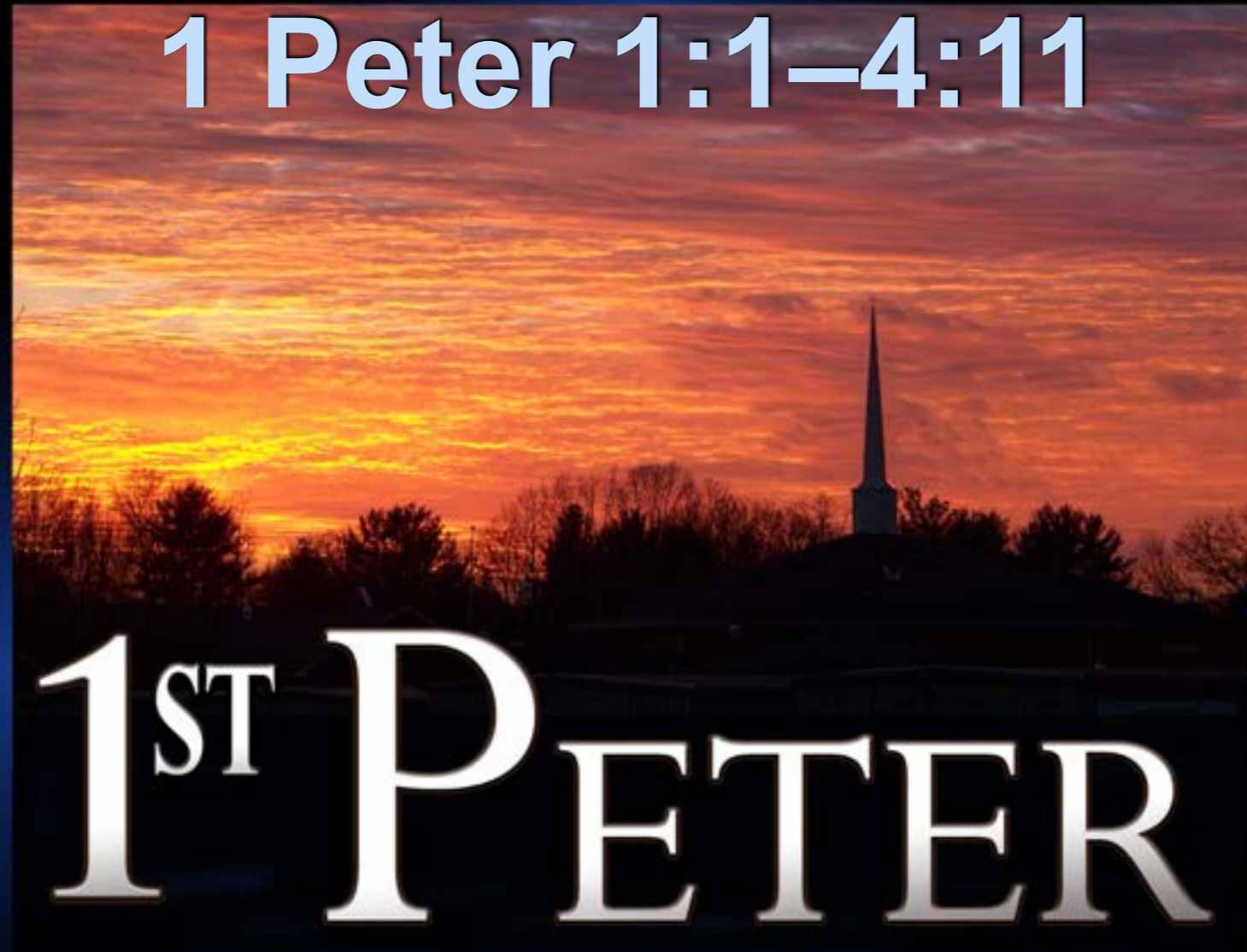
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Standing in Grace to Surmount

Our Suffering

1 Peter 1:1–4:11



1ST PETER

**LIVING IN LIGHT
OF ETERNITY**

1 Pet. 5:12, “By Silvanus, our faithful brother as I consider him, I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God in which you stand.”

- 1. Stand in grace by girding up the loins of your mind and thinking objectively based on the truth of the revelation of Jesus Christ. 1:13–2:10**
- 2. Stand in grace by humble obedience to even unjust authorities. 2:11–3:12**
- 3. Stand in grace by focusing on how Jesus suffered unjustly for our sin. 3:13–4:11**

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A. Rest your hope fully on grace by focusing your thinking on the objective, revelation of God. 1 Pet. 1:13

1 Pet. 1:13, “Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;”

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B. *Be Holy*, separated unto God in all of your conduct, 1 Pet. 1:14–16

1 Pet. 1:15, “but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,”

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C. Conduct yourself in FEAR [5×]

1 Pet. 1:17, “And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one’s work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear;”

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1 Pet. 2:17, “... Fear God ...

1 Pet. 2:18, “Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear.”

1 Pet. 3:2, “when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear.”

1 Pet. 3:15, “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense ... with meekness and fear;”

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D. LOVE one another

1 Peter 1:22, “Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,” cf., 1 Pet. 4:8

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E. DESIRE the milk of the WORD (*logikon*) that you may grow (2:1–3), to be built up for future priestly service as the people of God who have received Mercy. 1 Pet. 2:1–10 [based on the NA 28 paragraphing]

1 Pet. 2:2, “as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,”

2. Stand in grace by humble obedience to even unjust authorities. 2:11–3:12

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A. Have honorable conduct among the Gentiles, 1 Pet. 2:11–12

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B. Submit to every ordinance for the Lord's sake, 1 Pet. 2:13–17

1 Pet. 2:13, “Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme,”

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C. Slaves be submissive to even your harsh masters, 1 Pet. 2:18–21

1 Pet. 2:18, “Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh.”

2. Stand in grace by humble obedience to even unjust authorities. 2:11–3:12

D. KEY PARAGRAPH: The example of Jesus Christ in suffering and submission, 1 Pet. 2:21–25

1 Pet. 2:21, “For to this you were called, because Christ also **SUFFERED for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:”**

2. Stand in grace by humble obedience to even unjust authorities. 2:11–3:12

E. Wives and husbands, 1 Pet. 3:1–7

1 Pet. 3:1, “Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands,”

1 Pet. 3:7, “Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding,”

2. Stand in grace by humble obedience to even unjust authorities. 2:11–3:12

**F. Love one another, 1 Pet. 3:8–12;
cf., 1 Pet. 1:22; 1 Pet. 4:8**

1 Pet. 3:8, “Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous;”

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**A. Suffering for righteousness sake,
1 Pet. 3:13–17**

1 Pet. 3:14, “But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you are blessed. ‘And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled.’ ”

1 Pet. 3:17, “For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.”

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**B. A second focus on the example of Jesus in undeserved, unjust suffering.
1 Pet. 3:18–22**

1 Pet. 3:18, “For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just FOR the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,”

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C. The application of Jesus' suffering to us in unjust or undeserved suffering, 1 Pet. 4:1–6

1 Pet. 4:1, “Therefore, since Christ **SUFFERED for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has **SUFFERED** in the flesh has ceased from sin,”**

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**D. Concluding focus on grace,
1 Pet. 4:7–11**

Prayer, fervent love, hospitality, good stewards of grace, serving others, glorifying God.

Introduction

Living in light of eternity means we can rejoice in the midst of the present trial because our love for God enables us to focus on the glories to come; 1:3–12

Conclusion

Living in light of eternity is based on humility and standing in God's grace even in unjust suffering;
4:12–5:

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1 Pet. 5:10, “But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, mature, establish, strengthen, and settle you.”

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Conclusion

1 Pet. 4:12, “Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you;

1 Pet. 4:13, “but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ’s sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.”

1 Pet. 4:14, “If you are REPROACHED FOR THE NAME OF CHRIST, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is GLORIFIED.

1 Pet. 4:15, “But let none of you SUFFER as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people’s matters.

1 Pet. 4:16, “Yet if anyone SUFFERS as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him GLORIFY God in this matter.”

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