

Praying for God's best for  
you.

Sincerely,  
Peter

1 PETER

5:12-14

FINAL THOUGHTS

# 1 Peter 5:12-14 NASB

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# 1 Peter 1:1-2 NASB

To those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen <sup>2</sup> according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May **grace and peace** be yours in the fullest measure.

# Grace

Grace is the dimension of divine activity that enables God to confront human indifference and rebellion with an inexhaustible capacity to forgive and to bless. - Gilbert Bilezikian

# Peace

Total well-being, prosperity, and security associated with God's presence among his people. - Walter Elwell

Grace is the avenue through  
which God gives us His best.

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- Silvanus = Silas; Peter's amanuensis and/or messenger
- Exhorting and Testifying
- The true grace of God (God's best for you)

# The Path to God's Best for You

- 1) Understand that God has done the groundwork:  
...chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood... (1:1-2)
- 2) Understand that your future is secure:  
...born again to a living hope (1:3)... an inheritance... reserved in heaven for you (1:4)... obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (1:9)

# The Path to God's Best for You

## 3) Prepare your mind:

Prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. (1:13)

## 4) Heed the call:

...like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written, "YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY." (1:15-16)

# The Path to God's Best for You

## 5) Proceed in love:

Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart... (1:22)

## 6) Desire the Word:

Putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander, like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation... (2:1-2)

# The Path to God's Best for You

7) Do right in how you behave:

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. (2:12)

8) Do right regardless of the consequences:

For this finds favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly. (2:19)

# The Path to God's Best for You

9) Look to Christ as your perfect example:

For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH; and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously... (2:21-23)

# The Path to God's Best for You

10) Do right in how you treat others:

...be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit; not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing. (3:8-9)

11) Do right regardless of the consequences/look to Christ:

For it is better, if God wills it, that you suffer for doing what is right rather than for what is wrong. For Christ died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust... (3:17-18)

# The Path to God's Best for You

12) Experience the outcomes of holiness:

**Living:** ...live the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. (4:2)

**Service:** As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. (4:10)

**Suffering:** ...to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation. (4:13)

# The Path to God's Best for You

12) Experience the outcomes of holiness:

**Leading:** ...shepherd the flock of God, exercising oversight not lazily, according to the will of the Lord, but with eagerness; not as if you were in charge, but as if you were God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble. (5:2-3)

**Humility:** ...all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble. (5:5)

# The Path to God's Best for You

13) Be aware of your adversary:

Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. (5:8)

14) Focus on the endgame:

After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you. To Him be dominion forever and ever. Amen. (5:10-11)

# 1 Peter 5:12

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# Hebrews 12:1-11 NASB

...let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart... It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons... we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them... for they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but [God] disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness. **All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.**

# 1 Peter 5:13-14 NASB

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- We are not alone in our suffering
- Love one another
- Peace (God's best for you)

“These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.”

John 16:33