

First Epistle of Peter

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5:12

**Stand Firm in the True Grace of God in the Midst of Suffering:
How to Live as Saints in a Hostile World.**

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Salutation: 1:1-2

Author (1:1a)

Recipients (1:1b-2b)

The Salutation (1:3-12)

Call to Hope: 1:3-12

The Source of Hope:
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Hope: *Rejoicing* (1:6-9)

The Search for our Hope:
Revelation (1:13-21)

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(1:13-21)

Love Your Brothers
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Grow in Holiness
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means of growth
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Call to Submission: 2:11-3:12

Abstain from
Evil & Do Good
(2:11-12)

Submit to Authority
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submission to govt.
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submission in work
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Attitudes in Unfair
Suffering (3:13-17)

Example of Unfair
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conseq. of Christ's suffering
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suffering* (3:22)

Moral Attitudes in Unfair
Suffering (4:1-19)

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*don't be surprised by your
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Suffering Requires the
Shepherding Care of
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Suffering Calls for
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Conclusion 5:12-14

Grace proceeds from God (1:1; 2); *Grace produces confidence*
(1:10; 13); *Grace is to be proclaimed by our conduct* (2:19-20;
3:7); *Grace perfects character* (4:10; 5:5); *Grace promotes
courage* (5:8-10).

Subject is the true grace of God. Grace means both undeserved favor & divine enablement. Throughout 1 Peter the fact of God's grace was in Peter's mind as crucial to the believer's practice; grace is practical. The **purpose** was to strengthen believers so that they would persevere with the right attitude through their persecution; God's grace provides all they need for strength. Handbook on how to live as aliens in this world.