

June 30, 2024
The Bridge Bible Fellowship
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1 Peter 5:12-14

“Stand Up & Stand Out”
“The Summary”

- I. Foundation: God’s Provision of Salvation (1:1-12)
- II. Exhortation: Our Response to So Great a Salvation (1:13-5:14)
 - A. Sanctification (1:13-2:12)
 - B. Submission (2:11-3:12)
 - C. Suffering (3:13-4:19)
 - D. Service (5:1-11)
 - E. Summary (5:12-14)

¹² Through Silvanus, our faithful brother (for so I regard *him*), I have written to you briefly,

exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it!

¹³ She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings,

and *so does* my son, Mark.

¹⁴ Greet one another with a kiss of love.

Peace be to you all who are in Christ.

So What?

Discussion & Application:

1. Pastor Paul believes the theme of 1 Peter is to “**Stand Up & Stand Out**” for Jesus. What does that mean? Why is it important? What inhibits you from living that way everywhere at all times? What are some specific steps you can take to encourage others in the church family to live this way?
2. Read **1 Peter 1:1-12**, then **pray** together giving **praise** to God for every aspect of salvation that Peter highlights. After praying, **discuss** how a deeper understanding of salvation motivates you to Stand Up & Stand Out for Jesus.
3. 1 Peter is a letter filled with **commands** (35 of them). What is the connection between our obedience to biblical commands and our understanding of the “**true grace of God**” (1 Peter 5:12)? See also Titus 2:11-14. If what Peter wrote is true grace, what are some examples of “**false grace**” being taught today? [Note: to learn more about false grace creeping into the church, read the warnings in 2 Peter]
4. Motivated and empowered by true grace, what **specific action steps** will you take to obey the commands in 1 Peter relating to:
 - **Sanctification** (personal & corporate holiness) – 1:13 – 2:12
 - **Submission** (to God-given authority) – 2:11 – 3:12
 - **Suffering** (for the gospel and for righteous living) – 3:13 – 4:19
 - **Service** (humbly in the church) – 5:1-11
5. Peter mentions **Silvanus**, “**she who is in Babylon**,” and **Mark** in 5:12-13. Who are these people? How are they a fitting conclusion to Peter’s letter? Why would their greetings be an encouragement to people being persecuted for their faith? How might we as a church be a greater encouragement to other believers around the world to Stand Up & Stand Out for Jesus?
6. What does it mean to greet one another with a “**kiss of love**”? Does it have to be a kiss? If not, what other ways could it be expressed? Why is it especially important to people being persecuted for the gospel and for righteous living? If intense persecution comes upon the church, why might people not want to greet one another this way? What is Peter commanding them to do?
7. Read **1 Peter 1:2 & 5:12, 14**. Grace and peace are bookends to his letter. What is the connection between **grace** and **peace**? Why does Peter say, “Peace be to you all **who are in Christ**”? The Bible speaks of peace with God (Rom. 5:1), peace of God (Phil. 4:6-7), and the God of peace (Phil. 4:8-9). Why is peace so important? How do we experience this peace while being persecuted and suffering?
8. Write down the names of 7 people you know who currently are not “in Christ” (Your 7 for Heaven list). Pray for them daily. Ask the Lord to give you opportunities to get to know them better, care for them, share your personal testimony, and give them the gospel of Jesus. Be intentional about reaching them with the Gospel. Let them know why you joyfully Stand Up & Stand Out for Jesus.
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9. **Memorize 1 Peter 5:12-14**. Let Pastor Paul know if you memorized all of 1 Peter (accurate word-for-word). Email him: pbrown@tbbfchurch.org