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1 Peter – “A Living Hope”

Session 19

1 Peter 5:10-14 (NKJV)

“Perfected by grace”

Grace should not just be something we look for when we have sinned, but something we lean on before we sin. In our humble dependence on God, grace is what we are depending on. It is God's grace that will not only carry us through our suffering, but will **“perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle”** us through it. When this happens, it is God who receives all the glory! Are you trying to do this Christian walk in your own strength? Are you trying to tough it out by your own power when suffering comes? You weren't meant to; nor can you do so. That, in fact, is pride; and God **“resists the proud.”** But, He gives all the grace needed to those who humble themselves under His mighty hand. As you study this passage, ask the God who cares for you to perfect you by His grace, and to break the foolish pride that keeps you from being all He means you to be in Christ.

Personal Study Time Questions:

Scripture: 1 Peter 5:10

How much **“grace”** does God have for you? What does it do for you **“after you have suffered a while”**?

Scripture: 1 Peter 5:11

What happens when we allow God to **“perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle”** us by His grace, and not 'try' to do it by our own strength?

Scripture: 1 Peter 5:12

What does Peter testify about this grace of God and what it enables us to do?

Scripture: 1 Peter 5:14

Even in his closing statement, Peter encourages us. What does he promise for those who are, by grace, ***“in Christ”***?

Personal Application:

What has this lesson taught you about your relationship with God; about how you can grow in Christ, endure sufferings for Christ, and relate to other people according to Christ? Spend some time in prayer talking to God about it, and asking the Holy Spirit to complete that work He started in you, that your life might be, as Ephesians 1 teaches, ***“to the praise of the glory of His grace”!***

Hiding God’s Word in your heart (Ps. 119:11):

“And He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”

1 Corinthians 12:9