

## 1 Peter 5:10-14

### Introduction:

1. The apostle Peter wrote 2 of the 21 "epistles" [letters] in the New Testament.
2. In his first letter,:
  - a. Peter wrote to Christians who were facing a fiery trial (1:6-7; 4:12)
  - b. Peter addressed various responsibilities that God has given to His people
  - c. Peter showed how God's people must fulfill these responsibilities, even while suffering persecution from unbelievers
  - d. Peter emphasized the Lord's example of suffering as result of doing the Father's will.
3. This lesson is a study of the information presented in 1 Peter 5:10-14.
4. These verses include Peter's concluding remarks.

### Discussion:

- I. (vs.10-11) PETER MADE A REQUEST OF GOD
  - A. (vs.10) This is a very special request.
    1. It was made of *"the God of all grace."*
      - a. God's grace:
        - 1) saves (Ephesians 2:8-9)
        - 2) teaches His people how to live (Titus 2:11-12)
        - 3) sustains His people (2 Corinthians 12:7-10).
      - b. (2 Corinthians 9:8a) *"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you."*
      - c. Additional instructions are given in 1 Peter 5:5b-7.
    2. It was made on behalf of those who have been called *"unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus."*
      - a. According to 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14, we are called by the Gospel.
      - b. Peter wrote about salvation earlier in 1 Peter 1:3, 22-23; 3:21.
    3. It was for God to make perfect [complete], to establish, to strengthen, and to settle His people.
    4. It was for a particular time -- after suffering *"a while."*
  - B. (vs.11) God is to be praised (4:11).
  - C. Additional passages:
    1. Tribulation must be faced correctly because it can cause one to fall (Matthew 13:20-21).
    2. God's people are not immune to suffering (Romans 8:18-23).
    3. Affliction is temporary, confined to this life (2 Corinthians 4:15-18).
    4. Jesus was *"made perfect"* through His suffering (Hebrews 5:5-10).
- II. (vs.12) PETER COMMENDED SILVANUS
  - A. Silvanus is also known as "Silas" who was Paul's co-worker (Acts 15:40).
  - B. Peter may have dictated his letter to Silvanus, or Silvanus may have delivered it.
  - C. Peter referred to him as *"a faithful brother."*
- III. (vs.13-14) PETER EXPRESSED GREETINGS
  - A. Peter sent greetings from:
    1. the church at Babylon
    2. Marcus [John Mark -- Acts 12:12; 13:5].
  - B. Peter instructed God's people to greet one another.
  - C. Peter concluded with a greeting of "peace" to all that are in Christ.