

# 1 & 2 Peter Bible Study Lesson 17

## 1 Peter 5:5-14 Questions

### Stand Firm in the True Grace of God

Pray for the Lord to guide you through this study time.

This portion of Scripture is tied with last weeks lesson. To help connect it all read 1 Peter Chapter 5.

From 1 Peter 5:12 Peter finishes this letter with a definitive action to STAND FIRM in the true grace of God. Paul wrote, "Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." (Heb. 4:16)

1. The true grace (unmerited favor) of God! Peter wrote this letter to know God's true grace and to stand firm in it. Read the following Scriptures and write down how God's unmerited favor encourages you and shows proof of it in your daily life.

1 Peter 1:2 \_\_\_\_\_

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1 Peter 1:10-12 \_\_\_\_\_

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1 Peter 1:13 \_\_\_\_\_

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1 Peter 1:20-21 \_\_\_\_\_

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1 Peter 2:9 \_\_\_\_\_

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1 Peter 3:7 \_\_\_\_\_

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1 Peter 3:18 \_\_\_\_\_

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1 Peter 4:10 \_\_\_\_\_

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1 Peter 5:10 \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Since God is the source of true grace, look at the following Scriptures to identify false grace. Titus 1:16; 2 Peter 2:1-2; 1 John 2:22-23; Jude 1:4; Revelation 2:12-16, 18-25; Romans 11:4-6

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3. Peter is preparing us for action, he addresses ten essential godly attitudes necessary to produce a mind set on following the Spirit. Use these Scriptures to find each godly attitude. Write down on each one, the opposite self-focused attitude that wages war against the Spirit. Also if you see a promise to you from God write it down.

1 Peter 5:5a SUBMISSION \_\_\_\_\_

1 Peter 5:5b HUMILITY \_\_\_\_\_

1 Peter 5:7 TRUST \_\_\_\_\_

1 Peter 5:8 SELF-CONTROL \_\_\_\_\_

1 Peter 5:8 VIGILANCE \_\_\_\_\_

1 Peter 5:9 COURAGE IN ADVERSITY \_\_\_\_\_

1 Peter 5:10a HOPE \_\_\_\_\_

1 Peter 5:10b WORSHIP & PRAISE \_\_\_\_\_

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1 Peter 5:12 FAITHFULNESS \_\_\_\_\_

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1 Peter 5:13-14 BROTHERLY LOVE \_\_\_\_\_

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4. After examining these ten attitudes to keep us spiritually minded, could you identify any of them to be more self-minded than spirit-minded? Without submitting to God in full surrender and applying humility all the other attitudes will suffer. Write down what God desires of your life to make change.

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5. Throughout Peter's first letter he is always pointing us back to God's unfailing hope and glory. Is this hope tangible, conceivable and attainable? How?  
1 Peter 1:3-7, 13; 4:13; 5:1, 4, 10

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6. Peter gives four incentives, for the humble heart, what are they? 1 Peter 5:5-7

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The atmosphere we breath in this world is hostile to humility. This text is utterly foreign to our times and utterly necessary. If what is said here doesn't take root in our lives, we will not be a Christian church and we will not be salt and light for a perishing world. (John Piper Sermon 11/20/94)

How can we even begin to have a heart set on humility 24/7? It has to be set on God completely, to rely on the redemptive power of Christ who gave us His Spirit.

7. 1 Peter 5:6-7 all flows as one sentence in the original Greek language. Some translations put a period after “the proper time” in verse 6. Peter was lead to include anxiety and being anxious with humility and pride. How do they relate or connect to each other?

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8. The Bible has much to say about pride. Write down the kind of SELF pride you see from the people in these verses.

a. Hosea 13:4-6 \_\_\_\_\_

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b. Deuteronomy 8:11-17 \_\_\_\_\_

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c. Jeremiah 13:9-10 \_\_\_\_\_

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d. Psalm 119:21 \_\_\_\_\_

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e. Daniel 4:30-32, 37 \_\_\_\_\_

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f. Matthew 23:6 \_\_\_\_\_

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g. Acts 12:21-23 \_\_\_\_\_

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h. Psalm 10:4 \_\_\_\_\_

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j. Isaiah 51:12-13 \_\_\_\_\_

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9. How do we cast all our anxieties on Christ? The word “cast” literally means to throw it onto another. We are not to carry any anxious thoughts or feelings which includes discontentment, discouragement, despair, questioning, pain, suffering, and whatever other trials we encounter knowing we can trust His love, faithfulness, power, and wisdom. So let us get throwing one by one and let Christ carry it all because He CARES for YOU! Look up the following Scriptures and claim one to put on your heart so you can retrieve it quickly in moments of anxiousness. Job 42:2-6; Psalms 23:4, 55:22, 118:6-8; Proverbs 3:5-6; Isaiah 26:4, 46:4; Nahum 1:7; Matthew 6:25-34, 11:28-30; Philippians 4:4-8; 1 Peter 4:19

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10. The reason we must cultivate all these preceding Godly attitudes is because we face fierce and relentless spiritual opposition from Satan and his demons. How does Peter describe Satan in 1 Peter 5:8? What does Peter teach us to do to protect ourselves and the Church in 1 Peter 5:8-10? What is the promise God gives us?

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11. The God of all GRACE will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you. God has already promised grace for eternity, here grace is provided for the present, to strengthen believers and make their Christian character what it ought to be. For our daily walk to be profitable, aimed for eternity and Christ’s kingdom, we need to know it is God’s gracious hand that guides us in the upward call in Christ. Read the following Scriptures and write down one that will help you to stay focused on God’s grace (undeserved favor) toward you. 1 Corinthians 15:9-10; 2 Corinthians 1:8-10, 12; 9:8; 12:9; Ephesians 3:7-8; 2 Timothy 2:1; Hebrews 4:16; James 4:6-7; 2 Peter 3:17-18

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