

Series Graphic w/email

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What **position** do you want to be in?

(Where do you want to be in life?)

- Job; \$\$\$
- Relationships;
- Spiritual
- Home; Neighborhood
- #BLESSED

I Peter 5:14

Greet one another with a kiss of love. **Peace** to all of you who are **in Christ**.

John 16:33

I have told you these things so that in me you may have **peace**. You will have suffering in this world. Be courageous! I have conquered the world.”

John 14:27

“**Peace** I leave with you. **My peace** I give to you. I do **not** give to you as the world gives. Don't let your heart be troubled or fearful.

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Psalms 23:1

The Lord is my shepherd –

I shall not want. {NASB}

I have what I need. {CSB}

I lack nothing. {NIV}

I Peter 5:10-11

The **God of all grace**, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself **restore, establish, strengthen, and support** you after you have suffered a little while. ¹¹ To Him be dominion forever. Amen.

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GOD:

**Infinite & Incredible
Competent & Sufficient
Overflowing in grace**

Philippians 4:19

And my God will **supply** all your needs according to **His riches in glory in Christ Jesus**.

I Peter 5:12

Through Silvanus, a faithful brother (as I consider him), I have **written** to you briefly in order to encourage you and to testify that this is the **true grace of God**.

Stand firm in it!

Where do we most want to be?

→ Positioned, standing firm in the **true and triumphant grace** of God.

Problems:

- **Minimal or Cheap Grace: forgiveness only**
 - No power & favor for living without want

Problems:

- **Desire for only Common Grace: support & promote lifestyle**
 - No power and favor for the valleys and among enemies

Problems:

- **Failing to understand that God's amazing grace can be given but not received**

Stand firm in it (v. 12) → Posture of reception

God has shared with us the **places where His **grace** is flowing and He invites us there!**

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[Light switch](#)

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Luke 19:1-5 (NLT)

Jesus entered Jericho and made his way through the town. ² There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector in the region, and he had become **very rich**. ³ He tried to get a **look at Jesus**, but he was too short to see over the crowd. ⁴ So he ran ahead and **climbed a sycamore-fig tree** beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way.

⁵ When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. "Zacchaeus!" he said. "Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today."

RED LETTER CHALLENGE: GRAPHIC

The inevitable conflict:

Does my **lifestyle** keep me out of position from receiving grace from the God of all grace?

I Peter 5:1-5a

I exhort the **elders** among you as a fellow elder and witness to the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory about to be revealed: ² **Shepherd God's flock** among you, not overseeing out of compulsion but willingly, as God would have you; not out of greed for money but eagerly; ³ not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. ⁵ In the same way, you who are younger, **be subject to the elders**.

1) **Belong** ... deeply & really **belong** to a biblically led **body of believers**.

Acts 20:28

Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has appointed you as **overseers**, to **shepherd the church of God**, which **He purchased with His own blood**.

The church is not a religious Wal-Mart but a united people.

- In love with King Jesus
- Committed to “stand” in the flow of His grace
- Ambitious for His glory

RED LETTER CHALLENGE

I Peter 5:5b-7

All of you clothe yourselves with **humility** toward one another, because *God resists the proud but gives **grace** to the humble*. ⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that He may exalt you at the proper time, ⁷ casting all your cares on Him, because He cares about you.

2) Treasure and nurture a mindset of **humility**

God's favor and power come at the **expense of the ego**.

→ Therefore, welcome anything that weakens pride.

Invite and pursue **correction** from the body of Christ.

Cast **burdens** onto the Lord (instead of carrying them).

- Trust God's promises over my perception.
- Trust God's purposes over my plans.

I Peter 5:8-9

Be sober-minded, be alert. Your **adversary the devil** is prowling around like a roaring lion, looking for anyone he can devour. ⁹ **Resist him**, firm in the **faith**, knowing that the same kind of sufferings are being experienced by your fellow believers throughout the world.

3) Embrace the **fight → there is true & triumphant grace available **in it to win it!****

→ **Satan influences and takes dominion through ideas which are laced with subtle deceit and stoke the fires of fear and pride.**

→ **He has no authority over the Christ-follower except what we give him by trusting His ideas and their associated feelings.**

Psalm 146:3-6 (NLT)

Don't put your confidence in powerful people; there is no help for you there.

⁴When they breathe their last, they return to the earth, and all their plans die with them.

⁵But joyful are those ... whose hope is in the Lord their God.

⁶He made heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them. He keeps every promise forever.

Daniel 2:21a (NLT)

He controls the course of world events; he removes kings and sets up other kings.

Genesis 50:20 (ESV)

As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

I Peter 5:10-11, 12

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