

Stand Firm in the True Grace of God

A Reading of 1 Peter

The first century Christians in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia were experiencing persecution and social isolation which often expressed itself in their local communities and the wider Roman society in verbal abuse, discrimination, and, sometimes, physical suffering. At the same time, they were fighting against the pressure to conform to cultural and religious practices that violate their Faith.

Peter addresses the resultant doubt and fear as well as the prospect of a “fiery trial” he can see developing in Rome under Nero and then spreading throughout the Empire. In such circumstances he encourages them not only to remain steadfast in this gospel they have received but also to rejoice in the blessings they have in Christ and the “imperishable, undefiled and unfading” inheritance that awaits them.



Resist the Devil and Rejoice in Christ

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| 16 Oct. | You have a Living Hope | 1:1-12 |
| 23 Oct | You are set free by Christ's Death | 1:13-25 |
| 30 Oct | You are God's Own Possession | 2:1-10 |
| 6 Nov | You have Christ's Example | 2:11-3:7 |
| 13 Nov | You are called to Righteousness | 3:8-22 |
| 20 Nov | You are to share Christ's Life | 4:1-19 |
| 27 Nov | You will be exalted by God | 5:1-11 |

Wednesday Lunch Time Bible Talks

Bishop Reg Piper

16 October to 27 November 2024

St Michael's Church Hall

Corner Church & Market Streets

Times: 12.45 pm to 1.15 pm sharp

Doors open: 12.30 pm to 1.30 pm

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All Welcome.