

“Hope and Praise”

1 Peter 5:10-11

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Introduction

- 500th year anniversary of the Protestant Reformation
- Today, Europe is Post-Christian (and perhaps us?)
- How do we live in a Post-Christian world?

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A. Synthesis: Living in a Post-Christian World

1. Theme of 1 Peter-- 5:12 Standing in the true grace of God
2. The **FACTS** concerning the “true grace” 1:1—2:11
 - a. We are pilgrims—resident aliens
 - b. We’ve been chosen by God—1:2
 - c. We have a living, joyful, sure hope—1:3-11
 - d. The impact of our hope on our lives—1:12—2:11
 - 1) We are to be ‘holy and He is holy’—1:14-16
 - 2) We are to “conduct ourselves with fear”—1:17-21
 - 3) “Fervently love one another”—1:22-25
 - 4) “Growing Up” in our faith—2:1-11
 - a) As “new born babes”—2:1-3
 - b) As “living stones”—2:4-8
 - c) As “God’s chosen people”—2:9-11
3. The **ACTS** that flow from grace—2:12—5:14
 - a. In the **WORLD**
 - 1) Live in a Christ-honoring way before a watching world—2:11- 12; 3:10-12
 - 2) Submit ourselves to those in authority—2:14—3:12
 - 3) Be prepared....
 - a.) To Witness—3:13-22
 - b.) To Live Separate from the World—4:1-6
 - c.) To lovingly serve one another—4:7-11
 - d.) To Suffer for the sake of Christ—4:12-19
 - b. In the **CHURCH**
 - 1) Elders—shepherd the flock 5:1-4
 - 2) Everyone—be submissive and humble 5:5-7
 - 3) Spiritual Warfare—5:8-9

B. Benediction: Hope and Praise

1. Our hope in the God of Grace—5:10
 - a. Called us to His eternal glory—Phil. 3:11-14; 1 John 3:2-3
 - b. Suffering is temporary
 - c. God will complete what He has started—four synonymous verbs: “Perfect”, “Establish”, “Strengthen”, and “Settle”
2. Praise to the One whose “dominion is forever and ever!”