

## Standing in God's Grace While Suffering

1 Peter 5:6-14

*Since it is inevitable that Christians will suffer . . . on their way to glory . . . they must stand firm in God's grace . . . by living righteous lives . . . empowered by faith and hope in God.*

- I. Humble yourselves before \_\_\_\_\_ (6-7)
  
- II. Resist the \_\_\_\_\_ (8-9)
  
- III. Stand firm in the \_\_\_\_\_ (9-11)
  - A. Remember that your God is \_\_\_\_\_.
  
  - B. Remember that your trials are \_\_\_\_\_.
  
  - C. Remember that your salvation is \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- IV. Be counted among others who have \_\_\_\_\_ (12-14)

I asked the Lord, that I might grow  
In faith, and love, and every grace;  
Might more of His salvation know,  
And seek more earnestly His face.

I hoped that in some favored hour  
At once He'd answer my request,  
And by His love's constraining power  
Subdue my sins, and give me rest.

Instead of this, He made me feel  
The hidden evils of my heart;  
And let the angry powers of hell  
Assault my soul in every part.

Yea more, with His own hand He seemed  
Intent to aggravate my woe;  
Crossed all the fair designs I schemed,  
Blasted my gourds, and laid me low.

"Lord, why is this?" I trembling cried,  
"Wilt thou pursue Thy worm to death?"  
"'Tis in this way," the Lord replied,  
"I answer prayer for grace and faith."

These inward trials I employ  
From self and pride to set thee free;  
And break thy schemes of earthly joy,  
That thou may'st seek thy all in me."