

“Growing Grace And Peace”

1 Peter 1:2

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INTRO: Have you ever felt God get so close that your sense of AWE was both fearful & refreshing... refining & refueling?
(...ever had it align with your specific study of, or walk thru, God’s Word...)



PRAYER

CONTEXT:

- > **Week 5** of 1st Peter: *“No Matter What!”*
- > 1:1a – miracle, Messiah, missionary
- > 1:1b – **elect, exiles, evangelists**
- > 1:1c – listen & learn from the land & LORD
- > 1:2a-c – **see & BE the Trinity family...**
- > Today: 1:2d

BIG IDEA: *The eternal truth in love of the Gospel's growing grace and peace define, describe, and deploy the Trinity Family!*

PREVIEW:

- ~ Context
- ~ Content
- ~ Construct
- ~ Conquerors

TEXT:

*Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,
To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion
in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,
2 according to the **foreknowledge** of God the Father, in the
sanctification of the Spirit, for **obedience** to Jesus Christ **and** for
sprinkling with his blood:*

*May grace and peace be
multiplied to you.*

1. *May* = Context
2. *Grace and Peace* = Content
3. *Be multiplied* = Construct
4. *To you* = Conqueror(s)

I. CONTEXT

- A. *May*
- B. *Wish*
- C. *Want-to*
- D. *Hope / Divine-desire*
- E. *Prayer* (here = intercessory prayer)

II. CONTENT

- A. *Grace*
 - a. Define: unmerited favor
 - i. Vertical:
 1. *Common* grace
 2. *Saving/Sanctifying* grace
 - ii. Horizontal
 1. *Christ-likeness*
 2. *Compassion*
 3. *Empathy*

*If you don't get God's grace...
you won't give God glory!*

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b. Describe:(Person & Promise) (Power & Purpose) (Process & People)

i. The Person & Promise of Grace

Jesus is BOTH God-incarnate AND GRACE-incarnate!

PERSON:

Titus 2:11a

“For the grace of God has appeared”

John 1:14

*In Jesus Christ "the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us,
and we have seen His glory... full of grace and truth*

PROMISE:

Genesis 3:15

Isaiah 53

John 3:16

Matthew 28:20 & Acts 1:8

Ephesians 6:10ff

*Men are not condemned because God
has not chosen them... but
because they have not
chosen Him.*

ii. The Power & Purpose of Grace

POWER:

Romans 12 & 2 Corinthians 12 – “God’s power tools”

Ephesians 2:8-9 – The only power to save souls!

2 Corinthians 5:19-20 - *...in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself... and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.*

PURPOSE: **“Find the Lost, Grow the Found”**

Luke 19:10

*“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save
that which was lost.”*

John 17:21

*that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I
in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world
may believe that You sent Me.*

iii. The Process & People of Grace

PROCESS: (Providence; Proclamation; Patience; Poisoning; Precautions)

A. Providence

- a. Grace in **Selection**
- b. Grace in **Starting**
- c. Grace in **Salvation**
- d. Grace in **Sanctification**
- e. Grace in **Solidification**

B. Preaching/Proclaiming...

C. Poisoning (beware wolves & poison grace – **Matthew 7:15** & **Titus 1:10-16**)

D. Patience

E. Precautions: (follow ALL of God's Word, will, & ways)

The whole BIBLE per **2 Timothy 3:16-17**

Books of 1st & 2nd Peter, Hebrews, Jude, 1st John...

Passages like Matt.10:28; **John3:36**, & Romans 2:5

PEOPLE:

PURCHASED	by Grace
PASSIONATE	about Grace
PROCEEDING	in Grace
PERSONALITY	reflects Grace
PERSEVERANCE	thru Grace!

“Above all, grace is the hallmark of the Christian experience.”

- Dr. John Polhill

B. **And** = conjunction... there's more!

C. **Peace**

Peace is the affirming aroma of faith.

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a. Define: **fruit of the Spirit, biblical shalom**

b. Describe:

- i. Right & righteous standing with God
- ii. Living & BEing above circumstance(s)
- iii. Darkness-defeating Christ-likeness
- iv. Culture-Confounding Christ-likeness
- v. Enemy-Conquering Christ-likeness

Biblical PEACE is a gift of grace, a fruit of the Spirit, the disciplined-warrior's weapon & ultimately, the divine love child of faithful obedience.

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III. CONSTRUCT

A. **WHAT? *Be Multiplied*** (increase perpetually)

a. Defined: exponential growth/overflowing

b. Described:

- i. Greater & greater Christ-likeness...
- ii. 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

B. **HOW?**

(Providence: Prayer, Proclamation, Paraclete, & Practice!)

a. **Providence**: God's loving GRACE...

b. **Prayer**

i. The LORD's 3 prayers...

1. Matthew 6:9-13
2. Luke 18:13
3. John 17 (all)

ii. Prayer: Paul (13X intercessory prayer)

iii. Prayer: Peter (2X intercessory prayer!)

1. 1st Peter 1:2
2. 2nd Peter 1:2

*May grace and peace **be multiplied to you**
in/thru the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.*

VIDEO: *Stickman Gospel Per Savannah*

c. **Proclamation**:

Romans 10:17

d. **Paraclete**:

Acts 1:8

e. **Practice**:

Philippians 2:12

C. WHY?

- i. Our Gratitude
- ii. Christ's Gospel
- iii. God's Glory!

*In **John 17** we see ALL 3... God the Father's providence AND Christ the Son's prayer all in the context of our Holy Spirit empowered, miraculous & missional multiplication of grace & peace!*

IV. CONQUEROR

A. PRESENT (gift):

- a. "To you" vs. "By you"

VIDEO: *God Opens The Heart* (Piper)

B. PERSONAL:

- a. "To you" AND "For you"
- b. See [Romans 8](#)

C. PRAYER:

- a. "To you" SO THAT... "Thru you"
- b. See [John 20:21](#) (and all of God's Word!)

VIDEO: *I Stand By The Door* (Shoemaker)

REVIEW:

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CLOSE:

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Let's

PRAY!