

I. **We can expect that the gracious God who has called us to be completely transformed into the image of Jesus Christ when Christ returns will in His timing perfect, confirm, strengthen, and establish us. We should praise Him for His everlasting dominion. (v10-v11)**

- A. In God's timing, He will *perfect* us – to put us in proper condition as oppose to the condition we were in; to make us mature in our character
- B. In God's timing, He will *confirm* us – to make us stable in our character; to make us firm and unwavering in our character
- C. In God's timing, He will *strengthen* us – to give us the power/ability to handle life better
- D. In God's timing, He will *establish* us – to make us firm and unwavering in our belief in the person of God and the promises of God
- E. Praise should go to God for the reality of His power that is everlasting, knowing that His everlasting power has the ability to strengthen us and deliver us through our suffering to our ultimate end.

**Key Point:** The God that has called us to the suffering is the God that will bring us through the suffering.

II. **God's grace has been revealed in this letter. We should stand firm in it while showing godly affection towards one another as you see each other. (v12-v14)**

(Grace – God's empowering of, provision to, and enabling of individuals according to His lovingkindness that results in the gift of salvation, the enabling of sanctification, the empowering of serving, and the provision of tangible and non-tangible delights)

- A. The true grace of God as revealed in this letter saves one from the penalty of sin, secures one for the exaltation and inheritance to come from Jesus Christ, sanctifies one into the perfect image of Jesus Christ, supplies one with the power to obey, love and serve others, and sustains one in suffering.
- B. Peter is encouraging Christians to be faithful, and to embrace and live their lives on the foundation of this grace.

- C. Peter speaks of the church in Babylon (which is possibly a code for the church in Rome) and of Mark sending a greeting.
- D. Peter encourages the church to greet each other with godly affection, which was normally demonstrated in those times with a kiss, while ending his letter to them with a prayer for peace which can only be found in abundance for Christians as we walk by God's Spirit.

**Key Point:** It is the grace of God that has saved us. It will be the grace of God that will keep us. It will be the grace of God that will guide us to our ultimate end. Therefore, let us embrace God in this grace while showing brotherly affection to one another who are in Christ. Let us consider that our peace is abundant in Jesus Christ in all our trials and tribulations.