

# 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:1-5

Kept In God's Promises & Power



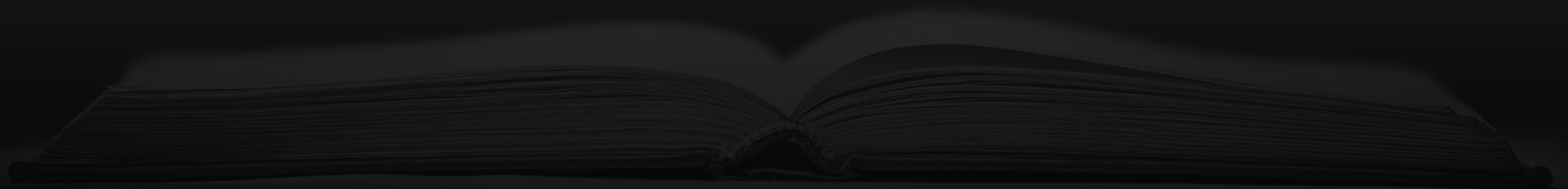
## 1 Pet. 2:20 (ESV)

“For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.”



## John 16:33 (ESV)

“...In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”



# Peter's encouragement to believers who are suffering (1--2)

## 1. *Remember what God has already done for you:*

- God the Father has **elected** you because He loves you
- God the Spirit has **sanctified** you, putting you IN CHRIST
- God the Son has **shed His blood** for you, enabling you to be justified, sanctified, and glorified

## 2. *Receive what God offers you:*

- Grace & Peace

God has **predestined** every believer to:

- receive every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places
- become holy and blameless
- become adopted as sons/daughters
- be redeemed through Jesus' blood and receive forgiveness of all sins
- be lavished in His grace
- be united with Him forever

## Peter's message to suffering Christians

“Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father”



*“Remember: God loves you **not** because you are special,  
you are special **because God loves you!**”*



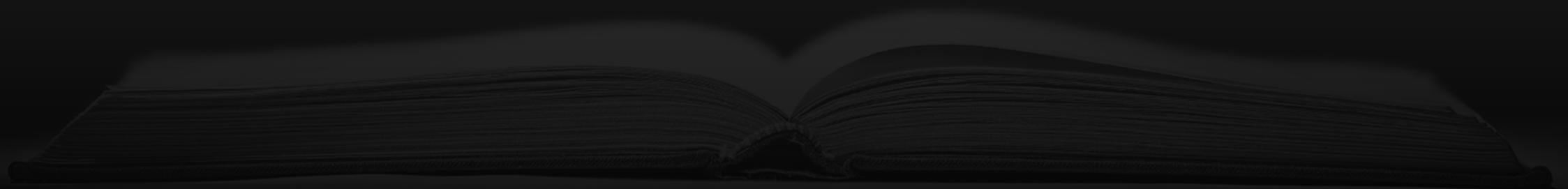
## 1 Cor. 15:22 (ESV)

"For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive."



## Gal. 5:16 (ESV)

"But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh."





## 1 Pet. 1:18-19 (ESV)

"knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, (19)but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot."



## Rom. 1:16 (ESV)

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes...”



## Acts 16:29-31 (NIV)

“The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. (30) He then brought them out and asked, ‘Sirs, what must I do to be saved?’ (31) They replied, ‘Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.’”



## Php. 4:6-7 (ESV)

"do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. (7)And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."



## 2 Cor. 12:9 (ESV)

“But He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’...”



## 3. *Repeatedly* praise God, because:

- He is the reason we have been born again, according to His **great mercy**
- He has given you a **living (future) hope** through Jesus' **resurrection**
- He has **kept** for you a heavenly inheritance
- He has guaranteed that His children (believers by faith) will be **guarded** by His power

## 1 Pet 1:3-4 (ESV)

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## 1 Pet. 1:3-5 (ESV)

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## John 10:28-29 (ESV)

"I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of **My hand**. (29) My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the **Father's hand**. (30) I and the Father are one."

