

Questions for Reflection and Discussion
1 Peter 5:8-14
Our Legacy of Hope Is in Christ Alone

Digging In

1. Read 1 Peter 5:8-9

- a. Where else did you see the apostle Peter mention the word “sober” in 1 Peter?
 - i. What is the importance of the apostle Peter telling the Asian Christians to be “sober” and “alert”?
 - ii. What is the role that Satan plays on the earth?
- b. How does one resist Satan?
 - i. What does it mean for someone to be strong in the faith? Is the apostle Peter talking about *saving faith* or *faithfulness to the gospel message*? (Read 1 Tim. 1:19; 6:21; 2 Tim. 2:18.)
 - ii. Paul’s encouragement to remain faithful in the faith (Col. 1:23)
 - iii. Christians remaining faithful against Satan’s attacks (Rev. 12:9-11)
- c. Summarize vv.8-9 in your own words.

2. Read 1 Peter 5:10-11

- a. What does v.10 say about the Christian calling and what God will do for the believer? How do you think this was perceived by the first century church?
 - i. To better answer the questions above, do some word studies on the following words: restore, confirm, strengthen, establish.
 - ii. Did this study of words help you gain more insight into what the apostle Peter was communicating to these churches? If yes, share your insight.
- b. How does the doxology help support v.10?
 - i. Where else do we see the apostle Peter repeating these words in the book of 1 Peter?
- c. Summarize vv.10-11 in your own words.

3. Read 1 Peter 3:12-14

- a. Who was Silvanus? (Possibly the same guy in these passages: 2 Cor 1:19; 1 Thes. 1:1; 2 Thes. 1:1)
- b. What does the apostle Peter mean when he says, “this is the grace of God”? (Read 1:10,13).
 - i. They are already experiencing the grace of God (Read: 1:6; 2:5; 10; 4:14).
 - ii. How does one access the grace of God and stand firm in it? (Read Rom. 5:2; 2 Cor. 1:24).
- c. Notice NIV and other translations say “she” because Babylon and the word for chosen use the feminine article. Some believe the apostle Peter is talking about a particular woman in Rome; however, a better way to understand this is through

correlation with scripture. The church is categorized as the bride of Christ throughout the NT. The church is communicated with the feminine article and ending. Read Eph. 5:22–33; Rev 19:7–9). This is what Dr. Schreiner says about these sections: “The fellow elect one represents the church in Babylon, which sends her greeting to those who are elect pilgrims from Asia Minor. Such an interpretation is confirmed by 2 John, where the church is described as “the chosen lady and her children” (v. 1), and John closes by saying, “The children of your chosen sister send their greetings” (v. 13). A reference to the church is also suggested by the teaching that the church is Christ’s bride...”¹

- d. Summarize vv. 12-14 in your own words.

4. Getting Personal

- a. How are you standing firm in the gospel?
- b. What are ways you can grow your faith?
- c. How does the study of the end of 1 Peter encourage you in the faith and what God is going to do?
- d. How should we be encouraging one another in the faith?

¹ Thomas R. Schreiner, [1, 2 Peter, Jude](#), vol. 37, The New American Commentary (Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 2003), 250.