

# LIVING AS EXILES

WORDS OF GRACE FOR TROUBLED TIMES



FROM BABYLON,  
WITH LOVE

1 PETER 5:12-14

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## Introduction

- Church calendar - Lent/Holy Week/Easter/Pentecost
- Starting next week: 4 Weeks on the Glory of Christ
  - Pre-Incarnate/Incarnate/Passion/Resurrection
- After Easter - Colossians
- This week we conclude 1 Peter - primary burden of living as exiles - "Words of Grace in Troubled Times"

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## A Bonafide Messenger/Interpreter (12)

By *Silvanus*,  
a faithful brother as I regard him,  
I have written briefly to you,

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**Peter's Purpose and Direction (12b)**

This final word of Peter's apostolic message both exhorts his readers and confirms to them the truth that, despite their suffering and despite circumstances that may appear to the contrary, they have been born again into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Through his own suffering, Jesus has conquered all evil and has called them to follow his footsteps through life, through death, and into glory. Those who do will be vindicated and glorified by God, just as Jesus was. The only just Judge of humanity is its Creator, who is also the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ and of all chosen to enter into the new covenant in Christ's blood. Therefore, stand fast in that knowledge, for everything else will soon end. ~Karen Jobes

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**Vicarious Greetings (13)**

*She* who is at Babylon, who is likewise chosen,  
sends you greetings,  
and so does *Mark*, my son.

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**A Command and a Benediction (14)**

Greet one another with the *kiss of love*.  
*Peace* to all of you who are *in Christ*.

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Response

- Our fundamental identity as the family of God, in exile on pilgrimage
- The long obedience in the same direction of the ordinary life - doing good, suffering for good
- The glory of Christ in His death and as our example
- We are not in this alone - God in Christ is with us, the whole church is with us, and we are in this together
- Living now for the inheritance that is to come

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