

Wonderful Light ... Where Does Courage Come From?

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Scripture

My purpose in writing is to encourage you and assure you that what you are experiencing is truly part of God's grace for you. Stand firm in this grace." - 1 Peter 5:12 (NLT)

This letter is from Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ. I am writing to God's chosen people who are living as foreigners in the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia. God the Father knew you and chose you long ago, and his Spirit has made you holy. As a result, you have obeyed him and have been cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ. May God give you more and more grace and peace. All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation. - 1 Peter 1:1-3 (NLT)

3 Things You Can Say About Every Christian

1. We were chosen
2. We were called
3. We were cleansed

Quotes to Consider

"With the world so set on tearing itself apart, it don't seem like such a bad thing to me to want to put a little bit of it back together." - Desmond Doss, *Hacksaw Ridge*

"I wanted you to see what real courage is, instead of getting the idea that courage is a man with a gun in his hand. It's when you know you're licked before you begin but you begin anyway and you see it through no matter what. You rarely win, but sometimes you do." - Atticus Finch, *To Kill a Mockingbird*

"Because of God's great redeeming love for us we can live with expectation instead of dread about the future." - David Emery

Discussion Questions

- When have you seen courage in someone's life that inspired you?
- How does knowing God give us courage to face life's challenges?
- How does knowing Peter's faith story give us more confidence?
- What are some ways that our faith should make us stand out?

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