

a real sense for the believer who is yielded to His will and in harmony with His program. The assumption in this chapter is that the listener is following the order of humility and service as defined in the earlier verses. Those who are so yielded have no trouble with the full acceptance of the government of God and His right and authority over our lives.

- C. He equips us to know and to serve. This is a little broader than our text will allow in itself and I simply look at the four closing verbal clauses and not that these are to give us confidence and assurance in the totality of the work of God. In His governing He has put the work of testimony in our hands with the backing power of the Holy Spirit and the direction of the Word of God. But by grace He has not left us like helpless individuals but has brought us to the place where we can bring glory and dominion to him forever and ever (vs. 11)

- III. Conclusion: This is a brief treatment and I am sure when I gave the series I had lots of stories to illustrate and express it....these I cannot write out even if I had good notes on what they were. But the providence of God is such that He has not left the world in a disordered fashion but continues to oversee and supervise with such assurance that we can feel the joy of His grace in every situation. He is not an absentee landlord but a present Father who governs in behalf of His program and His children.

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MESSAGE # 5: THE GRACE OF GOD

Biblical Passage: 1 Peter 5:10

I. Introduction to the Subject

We have seen the operation of the grace of God in several areas from the fact of redemption to the recognition of God's control and government. We are living under this providence of God and our lives are given meaning by His grace. The providence of God is witnessed in the events of every day life (if we are looking) but it is known best by us in a life of trust. The four key words that conclude are passage are translated, in order of occurrence, as "restored or set right"; "strengthened or made firm", "strengthened", and "established firmly".