

Only a Little While by John Piper

After you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. (1 Peter 5:10)

Sometimes in the midst of the afflictions and ordinary stresses of daily life, we may cry out, "How long, O Lord? I can't see beyond today's pain. What will tomorrow bring? Will you be there for that affliction too?"

This question is utterly urgent, because Jesus said, "The one who endures to the end will be saved" (Mark 13:13). We tremble at the thought of being among "those who shrink back and are destroyed" (Hebrews 10:39). We are not playing games. Suffering is a horrible threat to faith in God's future grace.

Therefore it is a wonderful thing to hear Peter promise the afflicted and weary Christians, "After you have

suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you" (1 Peter 5:10).

The assurance that he will not delay beyond what we can endure, and that he will abolish the flaws we bemoan, and that he will establish forever what has tottered so long — that assurance comes from the God of "all grace."

God is not the God of some grace — like bygone grace. He is "the God of all grace" — including the infinite, inexhaustible stores of future grace, that we need to endure to the end.

Faith in that future grace, strengthened by the memory of past grace, is the key to enduring on the narrow and hard road that leads to life.

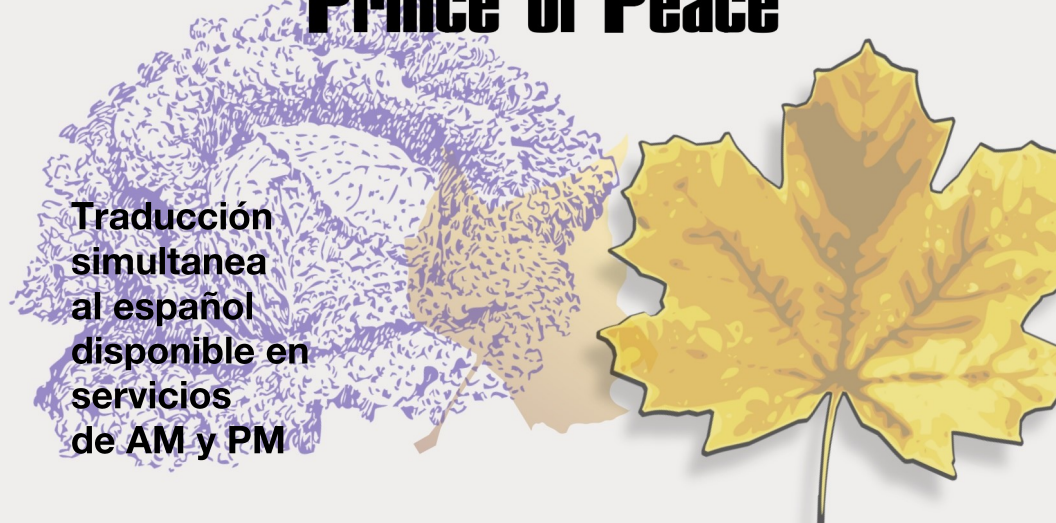


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Wonderful Counselor Mighty God Everlasting Father Prince of Peace



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de AM y PM**

Events

TODAY

Baptisms PM Service
7th/8th grade & VisionYouth
Meetings 7 PM
11/1 Small Groups 7:15 PM
11/3 VisionYouth Bonfire
7-10 PM @ Knight's
11/4 Senior Breakfast 9 AM
11/5 College & Career Lunch

Give



Upcoming Events



Pastors

Gary Hendrix	Stephen Byrd
Charles Fortner	Robert Fisher
Stu Johnston	Bob Prentice
Andy Dunkerton	Michael Lopes

Service Times

— Sunday School 9:30 am
— Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
— Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm
— Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm

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Morning Worship

Call to Worship
Opening Hymn
Scripture Reading
Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Michael Lopes
#81 A Mighty Fortress
Romans 5:1-11, page 942

Offertory

We Stand in Grace

We are dead to sin and alive in Christ, and we long to be a living sacrifice.
Purify our hearts and cleanse our hands to live holy lives in Your sovereign plan.

We stand in grace. We stand in grace.

**Justified through faith in Christ, who is the Perfect Sacrifice,
we stand in grace.**

We have peace with God through the Spotless Lamb
whose blood was shed so we may be born again.
Let us drink our fill from this Fount of Grace and be faithful to Him
'til we behold His face.

We stand in grace. We stand in grace.

**Justified through faith in Christ, who is the Perfect Sacrifice,
we stand in grace. (key change)**

We stand in grace. We stand in grace.

**Justified through faith in Christ, who is the Perfect Sacrifice,
we stand in grace. We stand in grace.**

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Preparatory

Complete in Thee

Complete in Thee! no work of mine could take, dear Lord, the place of Thine
Thy blood hath pardon bought for me and I shall stand complete in Thee

(Chorus) Yea, justified! O blessed thought!

And sanctified! Salvation wrought!

Thy blood hath pardon bought for me and glorified, I too, shall be!

Complete in Thee each want supplied and no good thing to me denied
Since Thou my portion, Lord wilt be, I ask no more, complete in Thee **(Chorus)**

Complete in Thee! no more shall sin Thy grace hath conquered, reign within
Thy blood shall bid the tempter flee and I shall stand complete in Thee **(Chorus)**

Dear Savior, when before Thy bar all tribes and tongues assembled are
Among Thy chosen I shall be at Thy right hand, complete in Thee **(Chorus 2x)**

Thy blood hath pardon bought for me and glorified, I too, shall be!

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Sermon

Pastor Andy Dunkerton

Evening Worship

Call to Worship
Opening Hymn

Pastor Bob Prentice
For All the Saints

For all the saints who from their labors rest
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed
Thy Name, O Jesus be forever blessed
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock their fortress and their might
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well fought fight
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O may Thy soldiers faithful, true and bold
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor's crown of gold
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blessed
Alleluia! Alleluia!

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day
The saints triumphant rise in bright array
The King of glory passes on His way
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds from ocean's farthest coast
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Scripture Reading
Pastoral Prayer

Matthew 16:1-12, page 821

Offertory

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus I find a place to stand,
and wonder at such mercy that calls me as I am.
For hands that should discard me hold wounds which tell me come.
Beneath the cross of Jesus my unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, His family is my own.
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams; now, one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor the ones that You have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus, see the children called by God.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, the path before the crown,
We follow in His footsteps where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us to be His perfect bride.
Beneath the cross of Jesus, we will gladly live our lives.

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Preparatory
Sermon

**I Will Glory in My Redeemer
Brad Kinnison**