

Sometimes we need these kinds of things—documents that verify truth. If I were to show that article to someone and say, “This flew on the Space Shuttle,” I could be doubted because I would have no proof. But when ! Walheim sent me the Certificate of Authenticity, he gave me verification.

In 1 Peter, Simon Peter created a Certificate of Authenticity for his message about the grace of God. In chapter 5, he wrote, “I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this [letter] is the true grace of God” (v.12). Peter was assuring his readers that the many messages of 1 Peter—themes of hope and courage and even suffering—were all authentic and demonstrate the grace of God.

Looking for evidence of God’s grace? Read 1 Peter, and be confident that its teaching is the real deal. —Dave Branon

*The Bible stands like a mountain towering
Far above the works of men;
Its truth by none ever was refuted,
! And destroy it they never can. —Lillenas*

To trust God is to trust in His holy Word.



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It’s The Real Deal

I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God in which you stand. —1 Peter 5:12

One of the coolest things hanging on the wall in my home office is a Certificate of Authenticity.



It has on it the logo of US Space Shuttle flight 110, which was launched in April 2002. Aboard the *Atlantis* on that flight was Mission Specialist Rex Walheim, who took into outer space an article from *Our Daily Bread* titled “Seeing God’s Glory.” Lt. Col. Walheim sent me the certificate to prove that this devotional page actually left earth’s atmosphere.



I Peter: Overcoming Suffering Worthy of Report.

(1 Peter 5:12-14) "By Silvanus, our faithful brother as I consider him, I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God in which you stand. {13} She who is in Babylon, elect together with you, greets you; and so does Mark my son. {14} Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to you all who are in Christ Jesus. Amen."

In 1 Peter 5:12-14 Peter names two men worthy of report:

1. _____ **Silvanus,**

◆ F _____, verse 12

(Ephesians 6:6) "not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart,"

◆ S _____, verse 12

◆ O _____, Acts 15:22

◆ P _____, Acts 15:32

◆ E _____, Acts 15:32

◆ M _____, Acts 15:40

◆ P _____, Acts 16:19

◆ J _____, Acts 16:25

(1 Peter 4:13) "but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy."

◆ W _____, Acts 16:31-32

(2 Corinthians 1:19) "For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us; by me, Silvanus, and Timothy; was not Yes and No, but in Him was Yes."

◆ A T _____ P _____, Acts 17:14

(1 Peter 4:8) "... love will cover a multitude of sins."



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2. Mark _____,

◆ A G _____ H _____, Acts 12:12

◆ S _____, verse 13

◆ M _____, Acts 12:25

◆ F _____, Acts 13:13

◆ R _____, Acts 15:37-38

(Colossians 4:10) "Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, with Mark the cousin of Barnabas (about whom you received instructions: if he comes to you, welcome him),"

(Proverbs 28:13) "He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy."

◆ L _____,

(Philemon 1:23-24) "Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, greets you, {24} as do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, Luke, my fellow laborers."

◆ V _____,

(2 Timothy 4:11) "Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry."



Jonah