



## Cultivating Hope in a Hopeless World

FIRST PETER

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*In his kindness God called you to share in his eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus. So after you have suffered a little while, he will restore, support, and strengthen you, and he will place you on a firm foundation.*

*1 Peter 5:10 (NLT)*

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Marriage is sometimes compared to flies on a screen door. Those on the outside want to get in. Those on the inside want to get out. Even though the institution of marriage is under siege in our time Christians have a unique advantage over non-Christians because we are given the 'operator's manual' of marriage. In this brief passage from 1 Peter we will see foundational essentials

#### **Christian wives (1-6)**

#### **Christian husbands (7)**

*When God made light, the angels drew near to let the refractions roll over their faces like a symphony. When God made earth, they poked their fingers into its moistness; they put a fleck to their nose and smiled. When God made a rose, they parted its petals and passed it among themselves, saying, "So fragile, yet how it grasps the soul." When God made a giraffe, they touched the strange hide and murmured to themselves that God was up to something magnificent. When God made man, each one retired to his chamber and peered into the writings, looking for some clue to the mystery. When God made woman, they came back out of their chambers and gazed, their jaws slack with awe. When God joined man to woman and said, "Let them become one flesh," everything suddenly made sense. And the cheering still shakes the galaxies.<sup>2</sup>*

\*These notes are prayerfully prepared to aid, not replace, your personal study of God's Word.

<sup>2</sup> David Walls and Max Anders, *I & II Peter, I, II & III John, Jude*, vol. 11, Holman New Testament Commentary (Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1999), 47.