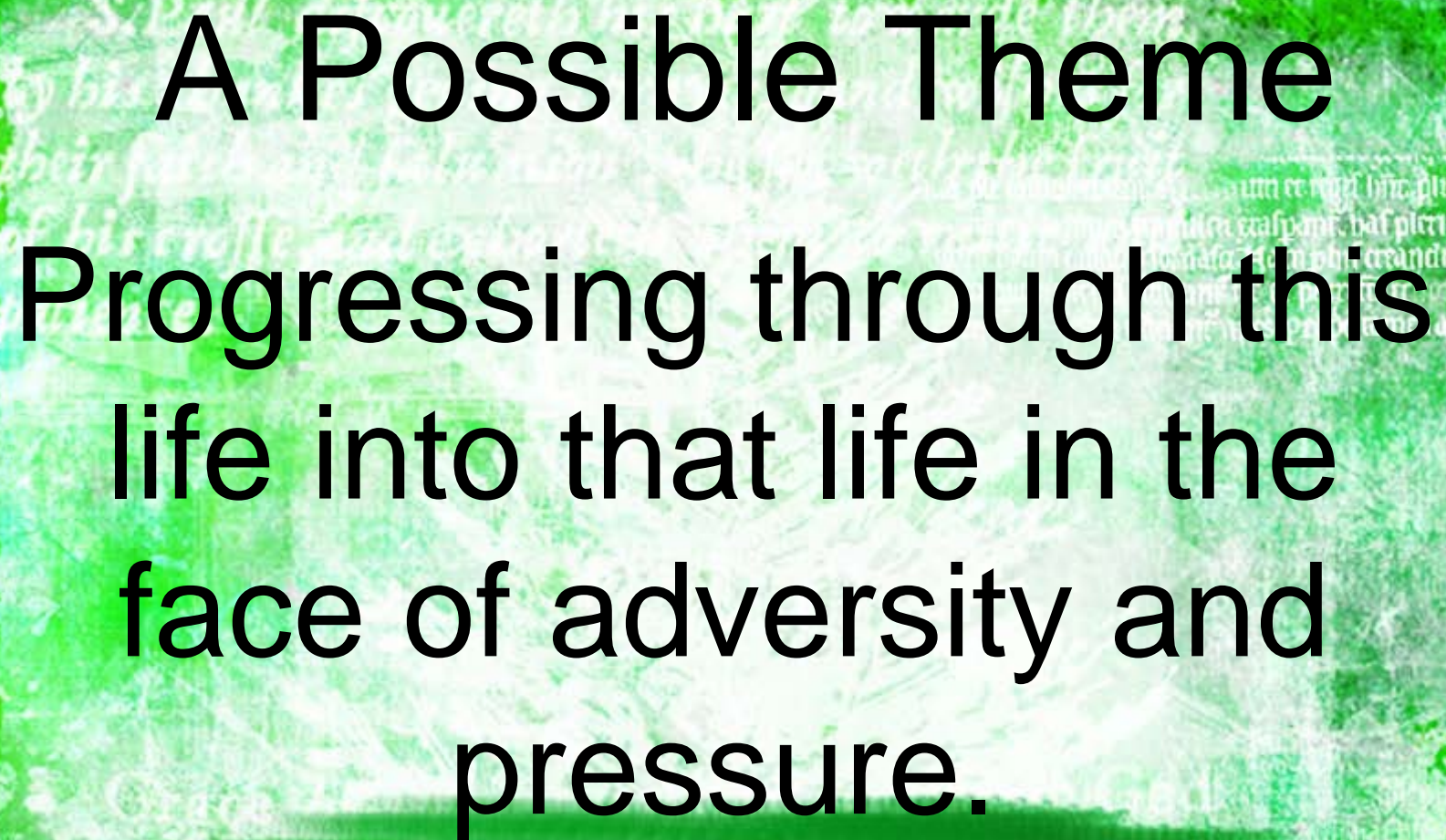


*S. Paul discovereth his back towards them
by his thanks, hearing prayer, and with
their faithfull labors, which he saith the fruit
of his crosse, made manifest by his
patience.*

A Pilgrim's Progress

A Journey through 1st & 2nd Peter

Grace in
our
Christ



A Possible Theme
Progressing through this
life into that life in the
face of adversity and
pressure.

1 Peter 1:1-5

- “Peter, an Apostle of Jesus Christ.”
- These six words reveal a dramatic transformation of the common man.
- Matthew 16:13-23
- The transformation was from a reed driven & tossed by the wind to a rock secure and steadfast.

1 Peter 1:1-5

- Pilgrims – temporary residents
- 1 Peter 2:11 – ‘I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims to abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul.’
- Hebrews 11:13 – “...confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.”
- Confessed = to acknowledge and thus profess.

1 Peter 1:1-5

- This must become our mentality because it is, in fact, our reality!
- John 14:1-6
- Spiritual progress requires a mental & moral shift from the temporal to the eternal.
- 2 Cor. 4:16-18
- Where your head & heart is, determines where you are headed.

1 Peter 1:1-5

- Where your head & heart is and thus where your headed, is determined by where your HOPE is!
- 1 Peter 1:3 – “begotten us again to a living hope...”
- 1 Peter 1:13 – “rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you...”
- Hope without wavering

1 Peter 1:2

- The Dispersion – Jewish believers who were scattered because of persecution.
- Pressure is not optional.
- John 16:2 & 33
- Pressure produces movement.
- The Jerusalem Church was pressured through persecution.

1 Peter 1:2

- “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.” NLT
- Grace & Peace are necessities for continued progress.