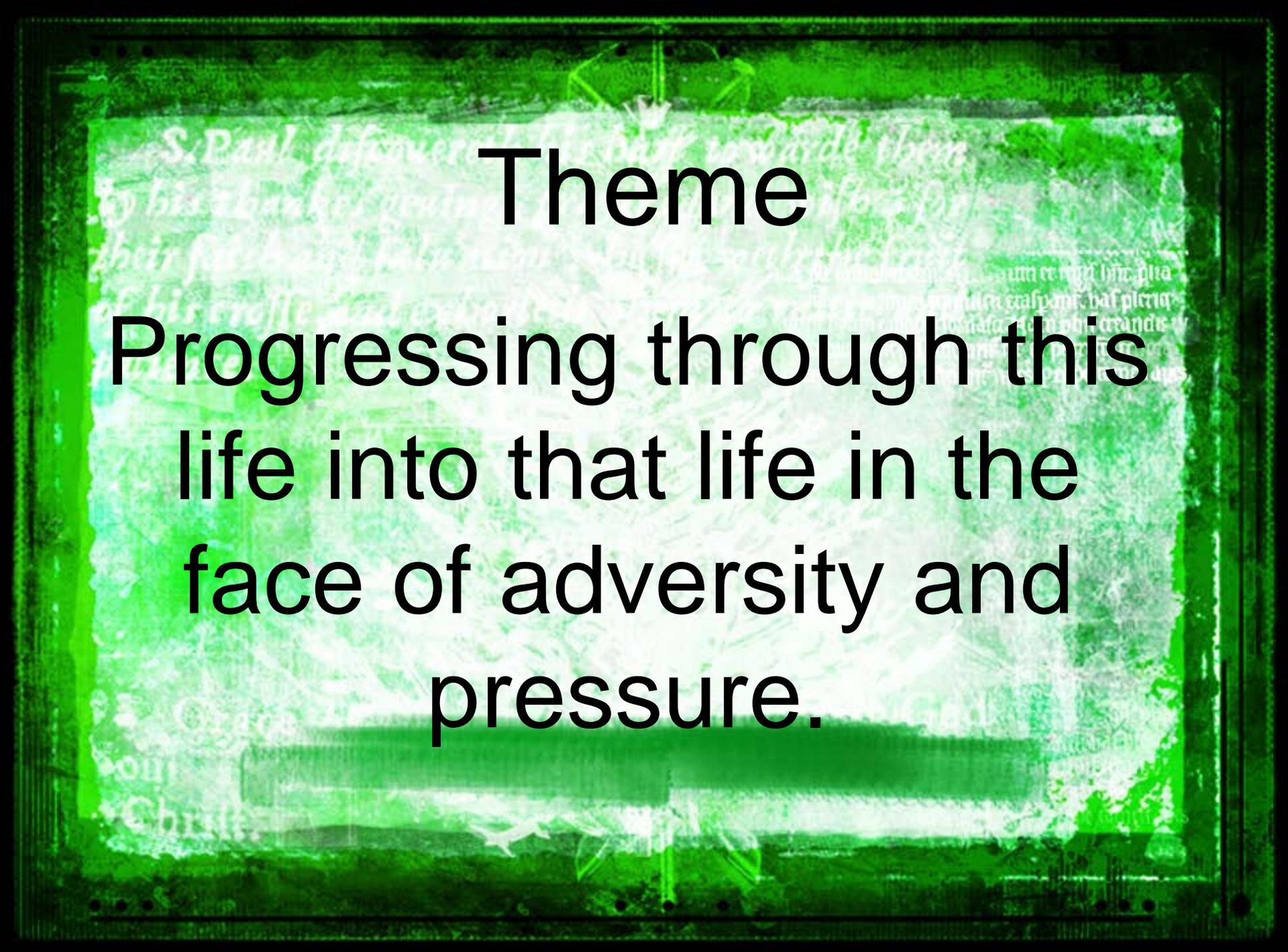


*S. Paul discovereth his back towards them
by his thanks, praying, praying, and with
their feet, and hath them, which he saith, the first
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A Pilgrim's Progress

A Journey through 1st & 2nd Peter

Grace
your
Christ



Theme

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

Review

- Written to persecuted Jewish believers who had been scattered.
- Pilgrims – temporary residents
- Spiritual progress requires a mental and moral shift from the temporal to the eternal.
- Spiritual Progress Requires Resurrection Revelation!

Bigger Picture – vs. 10-12

- The prophets were looking for what you have found.
- The grace of God – vs. 10b
- The glory of God – vs. 11b
- The angels desire what you have experienced.

The Bigger Picture

Regardless of the struggles of your temporary circumstances, you are living in the midst of God's eternal plan unfolding for all of humanity!

YOU ARE SPECIAL!

vs. 20 & 2 Pet. 2:9,10

Call to Action

- Seven Precepts of Progress
- “Therefore gird up...”
- We’re sojourners not settlers!
- 1. BE MINDFUL – vs. 13
- Get control of your thoughts
- Spiritual progress is perpetuated by proactive proper thinking!

Call to Action

- 2. BE SOBER – vs. 13
- 1 Pet. 4:7,8 – Eph. 5:18
- 3. BE HOPEFUL – vs. 13
- Keep hope alive – Heb. 6
- 4. BE OBEDIENT – vs. 14
- Romans 12:1,2
- “gird up” - Command

Call to Action

- 5. BE HOLY – vs. 15-19

- Holy living is found in...

- - Who you know – vs. 22
- - What you know – vs. 18-21
- - How you respond to who you know and what you know.

– vs. 22

Call to Action

• 6. BE LOVING – vs. 22

• Evidence of our faith

• 1 John 4:7,8

• 7. BE GROWING

• – vs. 23 - 2 Pet. 2:2