

CONCLUDING THE LETTER
(1 Peter 5:12-14)

- I. Closing STATEMENT Concerning the Letter (1 Pet. 5:12)
 - A. The COMMUNICATION through SILVANUS (5:12*a*)
 1. His IDENTITY: Also known as SILAS, a companion of PAUL (cf. 2 Cor. 1:19)
 2. His ROLE
 - a. WROTE the letter under Peter's INSTRUCTION
 - b. PENNED the letter following Peter's DICTATION
 - *c. DELIVERED the letter Peter WROTE
 3. His COMMENDATION: "FAITHFUL BROTHER"
 - B. The CHARACTERIZATION of the letter (5:12*b*)
 1. A CONCISE message
 2. A CHARGE to faithfulness and righteousness
 3. A CONFIRMATION of the TRUTH of the GOSPEL
 - C. The CALL to "STAND FIRM!" (5:12*c*)

II. Closing GREETINGS (1 Pet. 5:13-14a)

A. The greetings TO THE READERS (5:13)

1. From "SHE who is in BABYLON, CHOSEN together with you"
2. From "my SON, MARK"

B. The greetings AMONG THE SAINTS (5:14a)

1. A PUBLIC act
2. A demonstration of LOVE

III. Closing BENEDICTION (1 Pet. 5:14b)

A. The NATURE of the benediction

1. Peace WITH GOD
2. Peace AMONG THEMSELVES
3. Peace WITHIN THE WORLD

B. The TARGET of the benediction: "YOU ALL who are IN CHRIST"