Sermon Notes for March 30, 2014

Stand Firm
I Peter 5:8-14

Introduction
The Picture of Dorian Grey by Oscar Wilde
How do we live in a fallen world as followers of Christ?

I. Recognize the battle. Verse 8
We are in a spiritual battle for the hearts and souls of men.
Be self-controlled and alert.
Satan is not a mythical figure. He is a real spiritual being.
He is called the devil which means slanderer.
Jesus called him “a liar and the father of lies.” John 8:44
Jesus called him a thief. “The thief comes only to steal, kill and destroy; I have come that they might have life, and have it to the full.” John 10:10
Satan prowls around like a roaring lion. I Peter 5:8
Satan also masquerades as an angel of light. II Corinthians 11:14

II. Resist the devil. Verse 9
Stand firm in your faith.
Remember that you are not alone.
Hold on to the Word of God.

“Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” James 4:7

III. Rely on the grace and power of God. Verses 10-14
God is a God of grace. His grace is sufficient to get us through every trial we will face in this life.
God has called you to his eternal glory.
And after you have suffered a little while, God will bring you safely home.

Real power belongs to God.

“His dominion is an eternal dominion; His kingdom endures from generation to generation.”
Daniel 4:34

Conclusion

“This is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it.”

How should we live in a fallen world?

- We recognize the battle we are in.
- We resist the devil by the Word of God and prayer.
- We rely on the grace and power of God, who gives us the victory through Christ.