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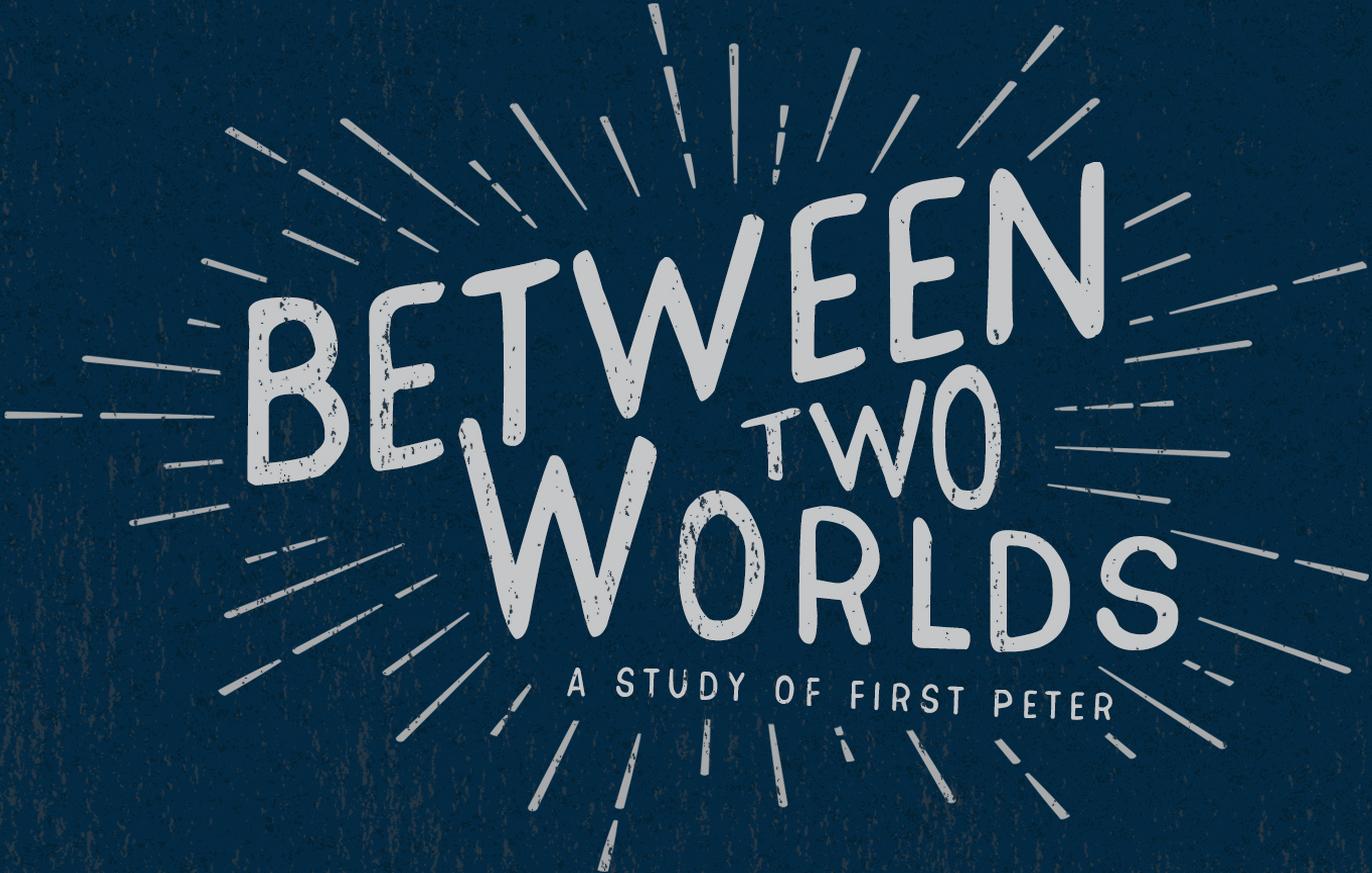
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HOPE  
LOWERTOWN  
ST. PAUL

**HEY!  
I HAVE A  
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Summer Sermon Series

The title 'BETWEEN TWO WORLDS' is rendered in a white, hand-drawn, distressed font. The word 'BETWEEN' is on the top line, 'TWO' is smaller and positioned between 'BETWEEN' and 'WORLDS', and 'WORLDS' is on the bottom line. The text is surrounded by numerous white lines of varying lengths radiating outwards, creating a sunburst or starburst effect. The background is a dark blue with a subtle, grainy texture.

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A STUDY OF FIRST PETER

This week's Message:

*“Behold, I am making everything new”*

1 Peter 5:8-9

Context

## 1 Peter 5:5-7

<sup>5</sup>Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because,

“God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”  
[Proverbs 3:34]

<sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

## **1 Peter 5:8-9**

<sup>8</sup>Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

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Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost,  
Amen.

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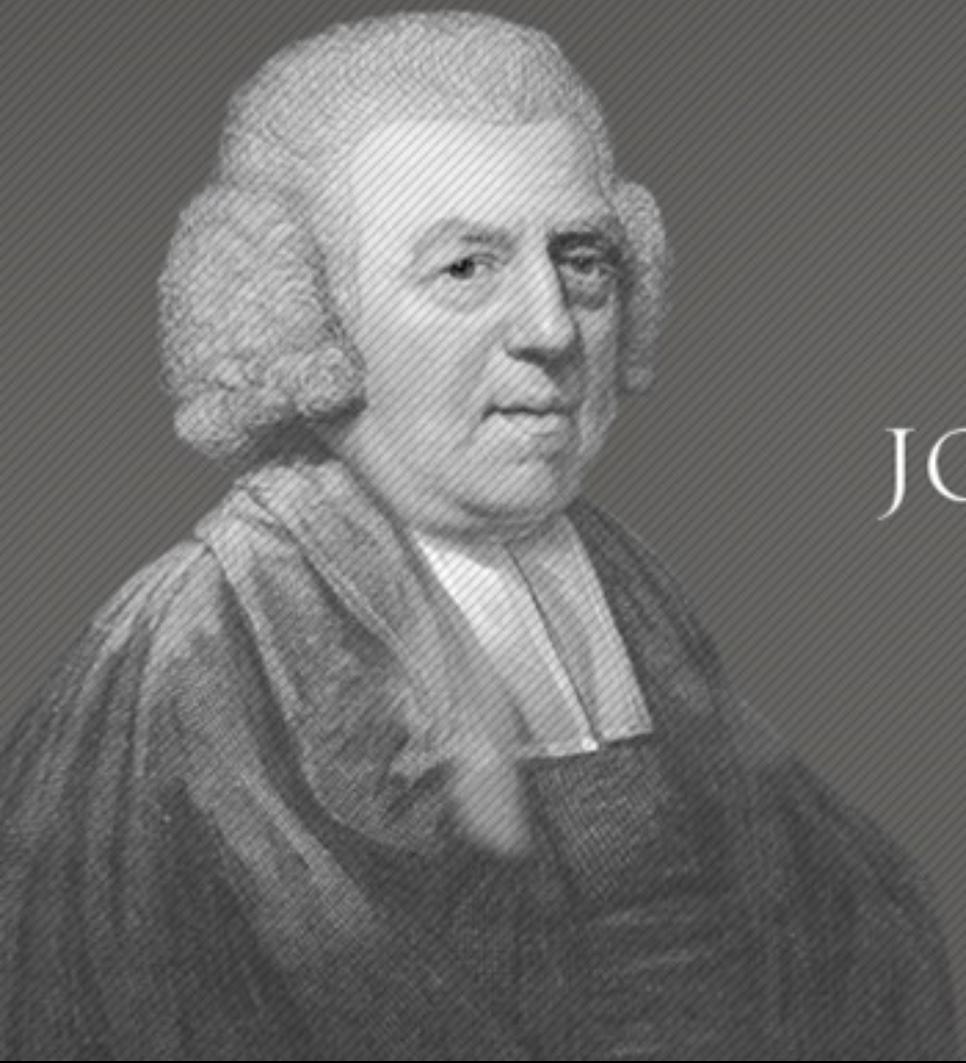
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## 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.

<sup>8</sup> Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me.

<sup>9</sup> But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. <sup>10</sup> That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.



JOHN NEWTON

1725–1807

*But though my disease is grievous, it is not  
desperate; I have a gracious and infallible  
Physician. I shall not die – but live, and declare  
the works of the Lord*

*~John Newton*

No one, anywhere, at any point, is beyond  
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Suffer for a little while

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At first glance, this phrase may seem to say that the times when a believer is aware of suffering for Christ will be sporadic and brief. But this statement is probably to be read from an eschatological, not an existential, perspective. If the cause of Christian suffering cannot be avoided without renouncing Christ, then the threat of suffering is always present throughout the entirety of the Christian's life. And the threat of potential suffering that can at any time erupt into overt suffering is, in itself, a burden that Christians must carry. Therefore, Peter is more likely saying here that in the light of the eternal (αἰώνιον, *aiōnion*) glory, which believers have in Christ, a lifetime in this body is but a little while (*oligon*).

All things new

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God will himself put things right,  
Strengthen,  
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# Doxology II

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Roman rule had brought the *pax Romana* (Roman peace) that ended regional wars and unified the empire, generally improving life around the Mediterranean. But the price of that “peace” was the iron-fisted power of Roman might that tolerated not even the suspicion of a threat to its glory. The supernatural nature of the Christian church is perhaps best revealed by the historical fact that until the conversion of Constantine, all of the might of Rome stood against the infant church.

Annihilating power stood ready to come against any whose allegiance to the kingdom of God and to his Christ took priority over the kingdom of



Caesar. Just the threat of Roman power would have been sufficient to annihilate Christianity had it been based on anything other than or less than the reality of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In the face of Roman might, Peter ends his epistle by confessing that to God alone belongs eternal might (κράτος εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας, *kratos eis tous aiōnas*), which makes Roman glory look like a withered flower (1:24). God's eternal might constitutes his eternal dominion, for no other power can conquer or thwart his sovereign purposes.

~ Karen H. Jobes, *1 Peter*, Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament, page 317



# Closing Remarks



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