

## 1 Peter: The True Grace of God For Today

### ✚ PETER, WHO & WHY?

- Please read Peter's Letters. We will not spend too much time focused on who Peter is or was (you may want to do a deeper life and character study of Peter found in the Gospels), but we will let his writing reveal what he wants for us to know.
- 1 Peter 5:12 reveals Peter's purpose for writing. Peter is exhorting and declaring the "True Grace of God." "Stand firm in it."

### ✚ READ 1 PETER

- After you read the entirety of 1 Peter, spend some time in prayer and reflection considering your need for the True Grace of God and how you should Stand in it today.
  - Your Salvation (1:1-12)
  - Your Holiness (1:13-2:12)
  - Your Submission (2:13-3:12)
  - Your Suffering (3:14-17)
  - Your Love (4:7-10)
  - Your Humility (5:5-11)

### ✚ INTRODUCTION TO THE TRINITY. (1 PETER 1:1-2)

- The Trinity is at work in your Salvation
  - The Father CHOOSES us – in Sovereign Foreknowledge
  - Jesus Christ REDEEMS us – for Loving Obedience
  - Holy Spirit SANCTIFIES us – setting us apart to be Holy and to live in Holiness.

- May Grace and Peace be multiplied to you.

### ✚ OUR SALVATION & HOPE (1:3-12)

- What are the implications of being Born Again to a Living Hope?
  - New Life - Hope
  - New Family – Inheritance
  - New Kind of Faith – In Christ with the Spirit of Christ for the Glory of Christ.
- Look at 1:10-12. The Angels long to marvel at God's Gospel plan.

### ✚ OUR HOLINESS (1:13-2:12)

- Be Holy as a Person. (1:16)
  - Our holiness comes from God who is holy, and we are called to enter into holiness with Him.
  - Conduct your life in holiness. How?
    - Preparing your mind for Battle (action) and on focused alert / vigilant (sober)
    - Be Obedient
    - Don't conform to the patterns and passions of this world. Rom. 12:1&2.
- Be a Holy People (2:9-12)
  - Chosen. Royal Priesthood. Holy People.
  - Let everyone see you for who you are and what you do for the glory of the Gospel.

### ✚ OUR SUBMISSION (2:13-3:12)

- Submit to all authority... for God's Sake.
  - We exercise our freedom through our submission. (2:16) Even during a Pandemic.
- Submission at Work to your Employer (Master)

- Submission in Relationships
  - **Marriage to your Husband** -- Likewise (in the same way)
    - Mutual submission
      - Sarah in Genesis 18:12. In a playful, everyday moment at the revelation of something impossible in her old age – respect and submission is displayed.
  - **Marriage to your Wife** -- Likewise (in the same way)
    - Honor. Love. For she is an heir with you of Grace.
    - So your prayers are not hindered.

#### ✚ **OUR SUFFERING (3:13-17)**

- What is holding you back from living your life completely devoted to what is Good & Right? Fear of suffering? Suffering that may come from a family member or dear friend or coworker or who?
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- Christ suffered for you and we get to share in Christ's sufferings when we suffer for the sake of the Gospel, Good, Right, and True for the glory of God.

#### ✚ **OUR LOVE (4:7-11)**

- Above all things...
  - Keep Loving One Another
  - Love covers a multitude of sins
  - Serve One Another.

#### ✚ **OUR HUMILITY (5:5-11)**

- Peter turns his attention towards Pastors and Leaders of the Churches. (Pray for your Pastors.)
- Everyone should be clothed in Humility.