

# SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

*When the grace of God is magnified to us,  
the peace of God is multiplied in us.*

**GRACE + PEACE**  
**1 Peter 1:1-12**

## 1. REVIEW

Can you think of a time when you experienced genuine joy and peace during a strenuous trial?

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Read 1 Peter 1:1-12 out loud. Make a list of things Peter refers to that are "NOW" and present tense. Make a list of things that are "TO COME" and future tense.

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What from the future list brings peace to the "NOW" list and why?

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## 2. ASSESS

Make the lists personal. What are you experiencing that requires the peace of God? What has (and will) God do that brings you peace?

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When facing trials, what causes your faith to struggle the most?

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## 3. APPLY

What peace-bringing, grace-filled truth will you choose to meditate and focus on this week?

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Commit to studying and memorizing the book of 1 Peter throughout our GRACE+PEACE series. Download the study guide here: [www.harvestindysouth.org/graceandpeaceresources](http://www.harvestindysouth.org/graceandpeaceresources)

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## MY GROUP'S APPLICATIONS

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## SERMON NOTES

1. To be born again is a merciful, gracious, and blessed act of God
2. This born again reality leads to rejoicing in trials knowing trials prove the genuineness of my faith and trials get my eyes on Jesus
3. We have a privileged vantage point on this side of the cross to see his grace magnified and peace multiplied.

## FOR FURTHER STUDY...

### "They were serving not themselves but you"

"God promised Abraham that his descendants would be blessed and would be a blessing to the nations. God did redeem and bless Israel. Solomon could say, when the temple was dedicated, that all God's promises of blessing had been kept. He looked for the nations to be drawn to pray at God's temple, and asked God to hear those prayers. But the glory that filled Solomon's temple did not remain. Solomon himself turned his back on the house of God to dedicate a shrine to Chemosh on the Mount of Olives. Idolatry brought God's judgment: the glory departed from the house of the Lord. Where the glory cloud had rested, the smoke of destruction pillared upward. Israel in the north, then Judah in the south, went into captivity. The message of the prophets pronounces God's judgment on the sin of his people, but it does not stop with judgment. The final vision of the Old Testament is not of dry bones in death valley. Rather, it is renewal beyond conceiving. The prophets picture the restoration of all that had been lost: the land, the temple, the sacrifices, the priesthood. But the restoration does not look back to recover the past; it looks forward to God's final renewal. God's fulfilment will transform everything. Not only will the remnant of Judah and Israel be gathered, but the remnant of the Gentiles will be gathered with them. Not just Israel, but Egypt and Assyria will be called the people of God. Eden will be restored, and more: God will make a new creation where peace will be universal, and darkness will be gone. This incredible glory can come only because the God of glory will come. The Lord God will appear in order to save his people and new creation. The coming of the Lord is joined to the coming of the Angel of the Lord, and to the coming of the Messiah, the Servant of the Lord. On the mount of transfiguration Peter saw the glory of the Lord shine from the face of Jesus, the Son and Servant of God. Now Peter looks for the return of Christ in glory to finish his fulfilment of the promise of the prophets... The lion has roared—who will not fear? The Sovereign Lord has spoken—who can but prophesy?" - Edmund Clowney

## 5 DAY READING PLAN

### DAY 1

#### 1 PETER 1:1-2

*What does it say?*

*What does it mean?*

*How should I respond?*

### DAY 2

#### 1 PETER 1:3-5

*What does it say?*

*What does it mean?*

*How should I respond?*

### DAY 3

#### 1 PETER 1:6-7

*What does it say?*

*What does it mean?*

*How should I respond?*

### DAY 4

#### 1 PETER 1:8-9

*What does it say?*

*What does it mean?*

*How should I respond?*

### DAY 5

#### 1 PETER 1:10-12

*What does it say?*

*What does it mean?*

*How should I respond?*