

The Text: 1 Peter 1:10-12

## The Grace That Was To Be Yours 3<sup>rd</sup> in the "Elect Exiles" Series 1 Peter 1:10-12 p. 1014 Nov 26, 2017 Pastor Mickey Klink

## Introduction

In this passage God teaches about the origin and purpose of his sacred Word, the Bible.

1)	The Bible is a book about salvation and grace	· – "	the gospel"	sent from h	eaven.

- 2) The Bible was written by men chosen and empowered by God.
- 3) The Bible was written under the ministerial work of the Holy Spirit.
- 4) The Bible is God's Word which he had written for you.
- 5) The Bible has Jesus as its main subject matter.
- 6) The Bible explains the gradual revealing of God's work of grace through Jesus Christ.
- 7) The Bible is to be read according to its inspired nature.
  - a. Read the Bible seriously.
  - b. Read the Bible holistically.
  - c. Read the Bible personally.
  - d. Read the Bible meditatively.

## Response

• The Bible is the message of God's grace for you.

## **Sunday Text Questions for 1 Peter 1:10-12**

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- 1) Starter Question: How would you explain the significance of the Bible in Christianity to someone?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) In v. 10, Peter refers to the grace about which the prophets prophesied. How does the Old Testament describe or point to the grace we have now received in Christ?
- 4) Based upon v. 10, how did this "grace" announced by the prophets become more of our possession than the Old Testament authors?
- 5) How might the phrase in v. 11, "the Spirit of Christ in them," explain what things the Holy Spirit intended to teach in the writings of the Bible?
- 6) Of all the things God could have revealed, why does v. 11 teach that of great significance was "the sufferings of Christ?"
- 7) What are "the sufferings of Christ" and "the subsequent glories" mentioned in v. 11?
- 8) What is the significance of the statement in v. 12: "It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you?"
- 9) Why do you think Peter adds that "the angels long to look" into these things? What does that teach us?
- 10) Based upon this text, how should the Christian respect, read, and respond to God's Word, the Bible?

**Further study this week**: 2 Peter 1:16-21 on God's inspired Word (Mon); Hebrews 4:1-13, esp. vv. 12-13, on the nature of the Bible (Tues); Psalm 119 on the beauty of God's Word (Wed); Matthew 7:24-27 on God's Word as our foundation (Thurs); Deuteronomy 8 on the necessity of God's Word (Fri).