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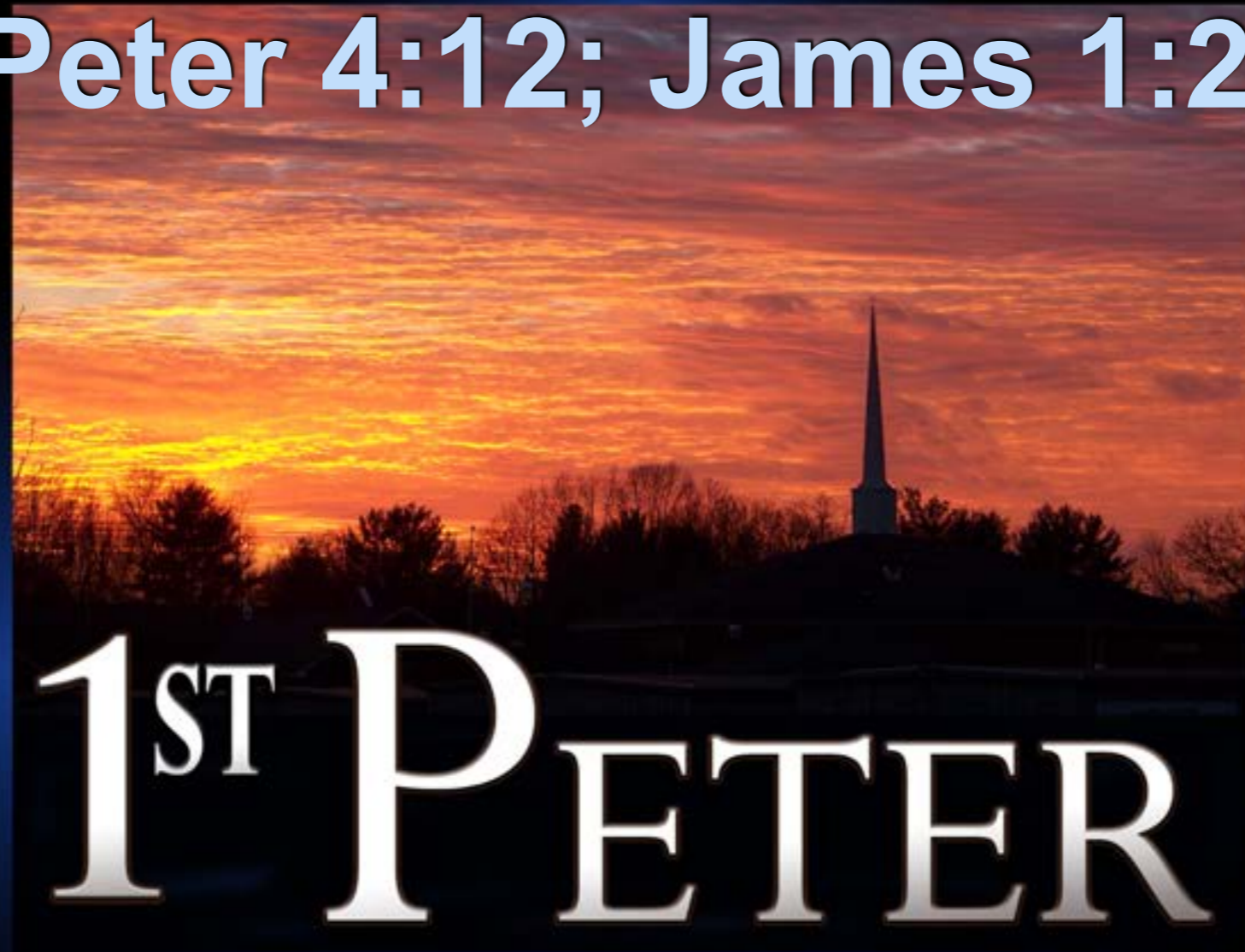
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Standing in Grace:

Testing What You Have Learned

1 Peter 4:12; James 1:2–4



1ST PETER

**LIVING IN LIGHT
OF ETERNITY**

- 1. Stand in grace by girding up the loins of your mind and thinking objectively based on the truth of the revelation of Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 1:13–2:10**
- 2. Stand in grace by humble obedience to even unjust authorities. 1 Peter 2:11–3:12**
- 3. Stand in grace by focusing on how Jesus suffered unjustly for our sin. 1 Peter 3:13–4:11**

****Everybody faces adverse circumstances, failure, heartache in this life to one degree or another.**

****We are corrupt people living with corrupt people in a corrupt world.**

John 1:5, “And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.”

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John 1:9, “That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.”

John 3:19, “And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

John 3:20, “For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

John 3:21, “But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.”

****The only hope to survive and to flourish in this situation is to have a hope and reality which is based on something or Someone eternal, righteous, loving, and perfect outside of this framework of corruption, who controls and can eventually defeat and destroy this corruption.**

Introduction

Living in light of eternity means we can rejoice in the midst of the present trial because our love for God enables us to focus on the glories to come; 1:3–12

Conclusion

Living in light of eternity is based on humility and standing in God's grace even through unjust suffering that we might receive eternal rewards to the glory of God; 4:12–5

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1 Pet. 4:13, “but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ’s sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.”

1 Pet. 4:14, “If you are REPROACHED FOR THE NAME OF CHRIST, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is GLORIFIED.

1 Pet. 4:15, “But let none of you SUFFER as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people’s matters.

1 Pet. 4:16, “Yet if anyone SUFFERS as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him GLORIFY God in this matter.”

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1. Facing suffering for our belief in Jesus should not be a surprise.

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2. When the believer suffers for his belief and obedience to Jesus it is a source of blessing which will reverberate through eternity.

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An Introduction to
What the Bible Teaches
About
Suffering



1. Different categories of suffering:

Deserved suffering, undeserved suffering;

or another way:

suffering for blessing or suffering for judgment

2. Deserved suffering:

We suffer because we are sinners and we face the consequences of our own bad decisions.

3. Undeserved suffering:

- a. We suffer because we are associated intimately and directly with sinners who make bad decisions. This is suffering by association.**

3. Undeserved suffering:

b. We suffer because we live in a fallen world. This is Satan's cosmic system and you as a believer are the enemy and the particular target of Satan's schemes.

Job 5:7, “Yet man is born to trouble, as the sparks fly upward.”

Job 14:1, “Man who is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble.”

4. When the believer is walking by the Holy Spirit all suffering is for blessing—even suffering originally designed for discipline or that is the result of our own bad decisions.

5. Suffering that begins as discipline, can become suffering for blessing when we confess the sin and begin to walk by the Spirit. Illustration is David.

Psa. 51:1–5; Psa. 32:1–7

6. No matter the failure, God's grace provides recovery and the solution to every problem, converting suffering for discipline into suffering for blessing.

**7. We will all face hard and difficult times.
This is the new normal after the Fall, but
it is abnormal for God's plan.**

8. God always provides the solution.

1 Cor. 10:13, “No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”

James 1:2, “My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,

James 1:3, “knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.

James 1:4, “But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.”

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**πειρασμός *peirasmos*
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the enticement to disobey**

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1 Pet. 1:6, “In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials,

1 Pet. 1:7, “that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,”

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**πίστις *pistis* gen fem sing “faith, belief, trust;”
value; proof. Your set of beliefs, what you believe.**