

OUR SO GREAT SALVATION!
(1 Peter 1:10-12)

I. SUFFERING IN RELATION TO GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION (1 Peter 1:1-12)

A. The INTRODUCTION To The Letter (1:1-2)

B. The INSTRUCTIVE ENCOURAGEMENT To HEED Regarding Suffering in Relation to Salvation (1:2-12)

- When suffering & facing difficult trials, God wants to encourage you to...
 1. **Remember** what the triune God has _____ for you in saving you from sin & Spiritual ruin (1:2a)
 2. **Realize** that God's _____ is sufficient for you & that God's _____ is available to you (1:2b)
 3. **Repeatedly** _____ God for what He has already accomplished in His "_____" of you. (1:3)
 4. **Recognize & Embrace a** _____ about suffering & trials in this life (1:6-7)
 5. **Rejoice greatly** in the Lord, sustained by _____ for & _____ in Jesus Christ (1:8-9)
 6. **Reflect** on God's _____ and His great plan and provision of _____ for you. (1:10-12)
 - a. God's grace salvation was _____ in the OT times by the _____ utilizing human _____ (1:10-11a)
 - b. God's grace salvation was _____ in the NT times by the _____ of _____ and the _____ that would follow (1:10-12a)
- Who predicted this salvation?
- How did they do this?
- What made this prophesy unique or special?
- Were they interested in this subject?
- What was their dilemma?
- What does this teach us about the divine inspiration of scripture?

- Did Peter understand this at first?
- Though initially rejecting the truth that Jesus Christ would suffer & die, what does Peter now emphasize in this epistle? (1:11, 18-19, 2:24 & 3:18)
- What are the “glories” that followed Christ’s sufferings?
- How should all this encourage you in your trials?
- What does this teach us about the reliability of God’s word, including yet to be fulfilled prophecy?

c. God’s grace salvation was _____ to these scattered pilgrims by means of the _____, utilizing believers to _____ them with the _____ message (1:12b)

- What do the unsaved really need?
- Why do they need this so desperately? (2 Corinthians 4:3-4)
- Does God oftentimes use the unknown to do this?
- How is evangelism best done?
- d. God’s grace salvation is presently being intensely _____ by the _____ (1:12c)
- Are angels interested in God’s grace plan of salvation?
- Why do the angels have this desire?
- Although they are God’s ministers (Heb. 1:14), they are also watchful spectators of God’s grace plan of salvation. What are they observing with wonder?

* What does all this mean to you?