



## Sermon Questions

Date: *January 9, 2021* | Scripture: 1 Peter 1:1-12

- Verse 6 reminds us that God knows we face trials. In verses 1-5 Peter emphasizes certain actions of God that shape the believer's experience of suffering. Looking at 1-5,
  - What has God done?
  - What is God doing?
- Verses 6 reveals the contrasting experiences Christians face throughout life. How do verses 7-9 reconcile this joy and suffering? What, according to verse 8, is central to this paradoxical experience?
- Verses 10-12 seem less immediate to the situation of believers enduring trials. Why has Peter included this thought?
- 'There will always be something in your life dominating and disrupting your life. You need reasons for hope.' How can the life, death and resurrection of Christ give you hope in trials you are facing now?
- Look at the question below from the Westminster Shorter Catechism. What, according to this, is the hope that Peter says will never perish, spoil or fade? What do you make of it?

### Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 38. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

A. At the resurrection, believers being raised up in glory [a], shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment [b], and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God [c] to all eternity [d].

[a]. I Cor. 15:42-43

[b]. Matt. 25:33-34, 46

[c]. Rom. 8:29; 1 John 3:2

[d]. Ps. 16:11; 1 Thess. 4:17

### *Inward Grace in Action*

*The questions below are a little more intimate and are meant to be discussed with a trusted friend or partner.*

- Everyone else whom you love, you see. Verse 8 addresses the fact that we don't get to see Jesus yet. How are you doing with following him? Do you know the joy of the second half of that verse?

### WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

*Reflect on these Scriptures:*

- Job 23
- Psalm 66
- Isaiah 48:1-11
- John 20:24-29
- Romans 8:18-25
- James 1:1-15

*Listen to our Spotify playlist*

[\*Disciples Who Make A\*](#)

[\*Difference: 1 Peter\*](#)

*Pray for Christianity Explored and many other ministries kicking off this month.*

*Reach out if you need assistance:*

- Call our church office at 703.821.0800
- Request aid from our Deacons' Fund at [deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org](mailto:deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org)

You can also find additional resources on our website: [capitalpres.org](http://capitalpres.org)