**ENGAGE! (A Study in 1Peter)**

**Living and Proclaiming the Gospel in Today's**

**Moral, Cultural, and Political Climate**

**WEEK #4: I PETER 1:6-12 Scripture (NIV):**

"For what hope has the godless when he is cut off, when God takes away his life?" - JOB 27:8

"...remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world." - EPHESIANS 2:12

"However, there should be no poor among you, for in the land the Lord your God is giving you to possess as your inheritance, he will richly bless you, if only you fully obey the Lord your God and are careful to follow all these commands I am giving you today. For the Lord your God will bless you as he promised, an you will lend to many nations, but will borrow from none. You will rule over many nations, but none will rule over you."

- DEUTERONOMY 15:4-6

"Each one of you should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." - 1 PETER 4:10

" They preached the good news in that city and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch, strengthening the disciples ad encouraging then to remain true to the faith."

- ACTS 14:21-22

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

- MATTHEW 6:33

"...not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ - the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead." - PHILIPPIANS 3:9-10

GENESIS 22

"Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' 'Here I am,' he replied. Then God said, 'Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about.'" - GENESIS 22:1-2

"By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had received the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, even though God had said to him, 'It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.' Abraham reasoned that God could raise the dead, and figuratively speaking, he did receive Isaac back from the dead." - HEBREWS 11:17-18

"Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations...Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promises of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised" - ROMANS 4:18,20-21

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." - ROMANS 8:28

"So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said, 'On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided.'" - GENESIS 22:14

"But he knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold." - JOB 23:10

"Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our heart by the Holy Spirit whom he has given us."

- ROMANS 5:1-5

"Then he turned to his disciples and said privately, 'Blessed are the eyes that see what you see. For I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.'" - LUKE 10:23-24

"Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters - one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.'" - MATTHEW 17:4

"Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'" - JOHN 20:29

DANIEL 3

"Blessed are they who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart." - PSALM 119:2

"While I, Daniel, was watching the vision and trying to understand it, there before me stood one who looked like a man." - DANIEL 8:15

"I heard, but I did not understand. So I asked, 'My lord, what will the outcome of all this be?'" - DANIEL 12:8

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters." - GENESIS 1:1-2

"In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made know to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus." - EPHESIANS 3:4-6

"So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God, who has saved us and called us to a holy life - not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." - 2 TIMOTHY 1:8-10

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"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me..." - PSALM 22

"...He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering... But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities...Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer..." - ISAIAH 52:13-53:12

"I have set the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand." - PSALM 16:8-11

"The Lord says to my Lord: 'Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet...'"

- PSALM 110

"The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven." - HEBREWS 1:3

"'What is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? You made him a little lower than the angels; you crowned him with glory and honor and put everything under his feet.' In putting everything under him, God left nothing that is not subject to him. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering."

- HEBREWS 2:6-10

"And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit." - 2 CORINTHIANS 3:18

"This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob when he said, I will give it to your descendants.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you will not cross over into it."

- DEUTERONOMY 34:1-4

Peter in Jerusalem - ACTS 2:14-36

Peter & John at Solomon's Colonnade - ACTS 3:11-26

Paul in Antioch - ACTS 13:16-41

"For it seems to me that God has put us apostles on display at the end of the procession, like men condemned to die in the arena. We have been made a spectacle to the whole universe, to angels as well as to men."

- 1 CORINTHIANS 4:9

"A man ought not to cover his head since he is the image and glory of God; but the woman is the glory of man. For man did not come from woman, but woman from man; neither was man created for woman, but woman for man. For this reason, and because of the angels, the woman ought to have a sign of authority on her head." - 1 CORINTHIANS 11:10

"His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord." - EPHESIANS 3:10-11

"Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness is great: He appeared in a body, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory."

- 1 TIMOTHY 3:16

"I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent... In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." - LUKE 15:7,10

"He said to them, 'How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?' And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scripture concerning himself." - LUKE 24:26,46

"But I have had God's help to this very day, and so I stand here and testify to small and great alike. I am saying nothing beyond what the prophets and Moses said would happen - that the Christ would suffer and, as the first to rise from the dead, would proclaim light to his own people and to the Gentiles." - ACTS 26:22-23

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." - JAMES 1:2-4