

CALLED TO BE DIFFERENT

Teaching Series
from
1 Peter



Hill Cliffe Study Guide Sunday 15 January 2023

1. What struck you most from the teaching on Sunday?

We are saved by God's freely-given grace through faith in the finished work of Jesus on our behalf. And the person who has been saved by the gift of God's grace is at peace with God – their sin has been dealt with, and their right relationship with God restored. This is the unchanging truth on which we now stand as believers.

You have received God's grace and peace – now live lives of godly grace and peace.

2. In verse 1, Peter's ambition for the Christians is clear - '*Grace and peace be yours in abundance*'. How will they experience (and live out) God's grace and peace in their everyday lives more abundantly?
3. With reference to verses 10-12, is there a danger that our familiarity with the message about Jesus the Messiah has diminished our sense of wonder that God's grace has come to **me**!
4. Referring to verse 13, then verses 3-5, and then Hebrews 12.1b-3. How does '*setting your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming*', help us to persevere in living godly lives now?
5. What comes immediately to mind when you hear the phrase, 'a holy life'?
6. Referring to verses 14-19
Having been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all (Heb 10.10), we are called to live holy lives – lives set-apart for God, like Jesus, different from the world, and dedicated for God's special purposes in the world.
What reasons are given in verses 14-19 as to why we should live holy (set-apart for God) lives?
7. Referring to verse 22, why is this kind of love central to the holy life (a life set-apart for God and for His special purposes in the world)?
8. Referring to 1 Peter 2.1-3 – what spiritual practices are essential to the holy life? And how, as a group might you help one another do these things so that your lives might grow in the abundance of God's grace and peace?