**GOD’S GRACE PROVIDED DURING SUFFERING AND TRAUMA**

 **1 Peter 1:1-14, 1 Peter 4:1-17**

**Apostle Peter Principle: God provides all the grace we will need in**

**times of suffering. All Christian suffering is designed for blessing.**

**Grace is provided for mind (soul), body, and human spirit during suffering.**

**\*Mind – (Soul) - main source of mental and emotional healing is the Word of God as used by the Holy Spirit.**

**\*Body – main source of healing is always the Lord. He provides medical staff and medicines to help.**

**\*Spirit or human spirit – Holy Spirit works in our human spirit to improve our fellowship with indwelling Jesus Christ and the Father.**

**Context: Peter’s Target Audience: Diaspora or scattered Jews**

**1 Peter 1:1-2 – Five provinces in Asia Minor, believing Jews.**

**\*Suffering in Early Church – Chart**

**1 Peter 1:3-12 Grace Security Provides Assurance in Suffering**

 **1:3 Grace Salvation, Spiritual regeneration- Top Circle Chart**

 **1:4 Grace Inheritance – Eternal Position in Christ – Top Circle**

 **1:5 Grace Protection – Christian Life – Bottom Circle Chart**

 **1:6 Peter’s Grace Perspective teaches us:**

 **Suffering is temporary**

 **We can rejoice when under pressure**

 **We do not need to lose faith when hurting**

 **Suffering is God’s way of teaching us to rely upon Him**

 **1:7 Reason why we must suffer – approval of our faith- DOKIMAZO**

 **1:8 Grace produces Joy when the believer is under pressure**

 **1:9 Grace perspective provides deliverance of our souls from failing**

 **the test God has set before us.**

 **1:10-12 Old Testament Prophets foretold of the coming Grace**

 **through Jesus Christ’s suffering and His glory.**

 **1:13-16 Grace has provided for the Christian Life – Bottom circle**

* **Gird up your minds**
* **Keep sober in spirit**
* **Fix your hope completely on the GRACE to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.**

 **1:14-16 Don’t go back to former lust patterns, rather become holy**

 **(stay in bottom circle and grow to spiritual maturity).**

**GRACE IN UNDESERVED SUFFERING**

**1 Peter 4:1-11 Suffering for Righteousness Sake**

**1 Peter 4:12-19 Glory of Christian Undeserved Suffering**

**1 Peter 4:14-17 Grace in Undeserved Suffering**

**\*See Handout: Doctrine of Suffering (18 points)**