

Thinking It Through: Questions for Reflection: "Grace & Peace"

- 1) On a scale of 0 to 10, how much grace do you see in our society today? Using the same scale, how much peace do you see in our world today? What about you? How much grace do you experience week by week (use the same scale)? How much peace do you experience week by week, using the same scale?
- 2) How much grace do you show others? How many people have gained more peace in their lives because of you this past week?
- 3) Read 1Peter 1:1-2. Peter writes to the chosen. Are you chosen? How do you know God chose you according to His foreknowledge? What are some other verses that support your viewpoint?
- 4) Peter talks about the sanctifying work of the Spirit. What does sanctification mean to you? How has the Spirit sanctified you?
- 5) Peter notes that we are chosen and sanctified for obedience. What steps of obedience have you taken? What steps of obedience do you take every day? What steps are you considering taking?
- 6) Peter observes that we are 'sprinkled' with the blood of Christ. Read Hebrews 9. How does this reality encourage you today?
- 7) The message concluded with this application statement: "We have grace and peace with God BY and THROUGH His choice of us, by and through the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit, by and through the sprinkled blood of Christ, SO THAT *by and through* our obedience to Jesus, we can bring grace and peace to those whom God has *in His great mercy to us*, set us among and sent us to." How would you put that idea into your own words?