

## COMPELLING ENDING

*From the series – 1 PETER: COMPELLING CHURCH*

### SUMMARY

As we conclude our time in 1<sup>st</sup> Peter, we can stand firm and finish well because of these three tangible expressions of God's grace - **Chosen by God... New Life... Home in Heaven.**

**READ 1 Peter 5:8-12**

### BIBLE STUDY & DISCUSSION

1. Read [1 Peter 5:12](#) – Peter makes clear that on his heart was to bring encouragement and affirmation to Christ-followers spread throughout Asia-minor. Why does Peter consider their current suffering to be an example of God's grace towards them?
2. Peter calls Christ-followers to '**stand firm in this grace.**' Read the following passages and discuss **HOW** standing firm in these graces will help towards a compelling ending:

GRACE #1 – YOU'VE BEEN CHOSEN BY GOD – [1 Peter 1:2](#).

GRACE #2 – YOU'VE BEEN GIVEN NEW LIFE – [1 Peter 1:3](#)

GRACE #3 – YOU'VE BEEN GIVEN A HOME IN HEAVEN – [1 Peter 3:18](#)

Discuss how these graces have encouraged you, or where you fall short of believing them.

3. Read [1 Peter 5:8](#) – Peter warns ALL Christ-followers that the enemy of God is real and he has one mission – devour those that follow Jesus. In what ways will God's enemy (the devil) seek to devour Christ-followers? What are his tactics, and how can we 'resist' the devil and his attacks towards us?

### REFLECT

In these closing verses of Peter's letter, the call is given to 'stand firm in God's grace.' Consider the ways in which you are currently 'standing firm' and ways in which you feel like you are getting knocked over. How do God's graces help you to stand firm?