

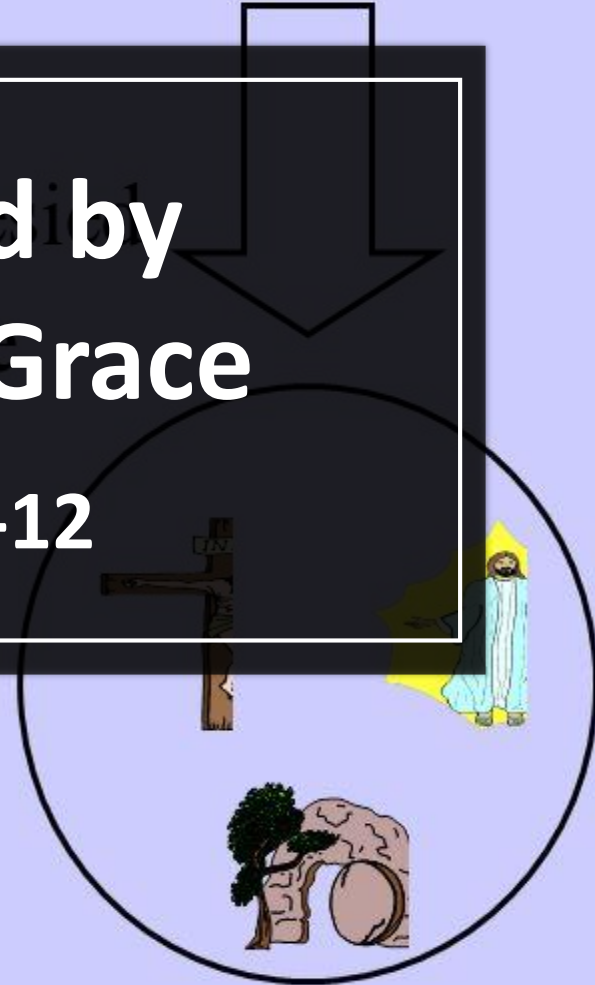
True Grace

1 Peter 1:10-11

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of the grace **Prophesied Grace**

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Introduction

- Grace is core and central to our faith
- More than just giving someone a second chance. More like a second chance they do not deserve.
- What difference does grace make?
- In a fascinating passage, Peter talks about the prophetic foundation of grace
- This implies that God saw this

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Spoken of by the prophets

- We do not associate grace with the prophets
- Prediction of disasters to the people of God, normally
- Only seven (7) prophetic passages in all of the Old Testament mention grace.

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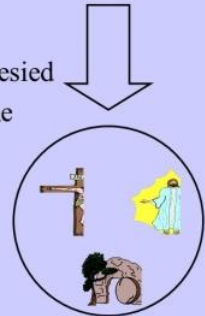
Searched and tried to find out

- Searched—sought out
- Heb. 12:17—same verb that describes Esau trying hard to find a way to repent, receive his blessing he sold to Jacob, and did it with tears!
- Indicates an agonizing search
- Tried to find out--“Inquire carefully”
- Probably means scrutinizing the texts, traditions, and comparing notes

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The Spirit of Christ in them

- Odd to think of this
- We normally think of them prophesying and pointing toward the spirit of Christ
- God (Spirit of Christ) was in them in a mysterious profound way they did not understand
- This helps us conceptualize Christ in us!

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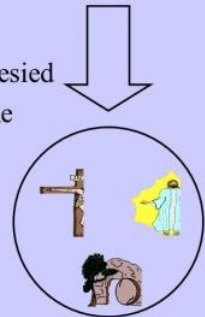
Serving future generations

- Planned giving with your estate...institutions and ministries funded this way.
- Prevention on Purpose—7 pillars...spiritually
- Giving sacrificially for a cause (WWI and WWII)
- Untold educational institutions
- A recognition that *chronos* moves into *chairos*

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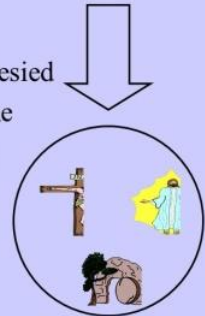
Message of grace passed on

- Significant that it is passed on
- How do we pass on grace?
- What traditions, stories, events, and treasured Scriptures will we pass on regarding the message of grace?

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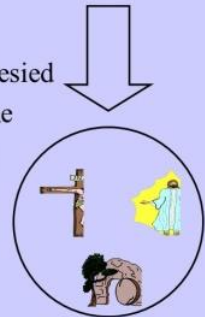
Even angels are looking!

- They too long to look into these things
- God's profound mystery of the unfolding of his dispensing of grace upon humankind through the sacrificial suffering of Jesus
- Early Christian tradition (based upon Jewish tradition) understood angels to have a part in revelation.
- Here they are looking for meaning

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- God's grace includes a lot of dynamics and beings
- God's initiative
- Christ's sacrifice
- Holy Spirit's power
- Apostles who preached the Gospel
- Angels longing to look and understand
- Disciples receive! And pass on!

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