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**Part 4** - Eternal Glory in Christ

As Peter ends his letter, he lifts our eyes beyond present pain to the ultimate purpose of it all: the glory of God.

This final word reminds us that God's grace not only sustains us—it leads us to worship. Even in suffering, we can declare with confidence and hope: *To Him be the dominion forever and ever.*

**Scripture:** 1 Peter 5:11, Hebrews 12:2

## INTRODUCTION

We've come to the final week of our *Grace and Glory* series—a journey through the letter of 1 Peter, where we've walked with weary believers, faced the fires of suffering, and learned what it means to stand firm in the grace of God.

We've seen that:

- Trials refine our faith.
- Suffering connects us to Christ.

- Grace meets us in our weakness.
- And God's promises carry us forward with hope.

And now, as Peter closes his letter, he lifts our gaze one last time. After all the teaching, exhorting, and encouraging, he ends with a doxology—a declaration of worship:

**“To Him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.”** (1 Peter 5:11)

This verse isn’t just a closing phrase. It’s the destination. The whole letter has been leading us here—not just to endurance in suffering, but to awe and worship in the presence of a God whose grace is matchless and whose glory is eternal.

This final message is all about *perspective*—about seeing our lives, our struggles, and our future through the lens of God's eternal glory. Because when we see clearly who God is, we find the strength to persevere, the humility to surrender, and the joy to worship—even in the fire.

**1 Peter 5:6-11 here to emphasize the importance of the final verse 11.**

**<sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, <sup>7</sup> casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.**

**<sup>8</sup> Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.**

**<sup>9</sup> Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.**

**<sup>10</sup> And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup> To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.**

## **Worship Is Our Response to Grace**

*“To Him...”*

Peter closes his letter with a doxology—not a command, not a warning, but a declaration of praise.

After all the encouragement, instructions, and assurances he’s given, it’s as if Peter can’t help but turn his attention upward and say, *“To Him be the glory...”*

This is more than a conclusion—it’s a response. Because when you truly see God’s grace in your suffering, worship becomes the most natural and necessary thing you can do.

Peter began this letter with worship:

***“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again...”*** (1 Peter 1:3)

And now he ends the same way—with praise. Why? Because grace always leads us back to God. Not just to what He gives, but to who He is. Worship is the soul’s answer to grace.

It’s the heart’s cry when we realize that even in the fire, God has not abandoned us—He has carried us.

Week 1 reminded us that grace is the atmosphere of the Christian life. Week 2 showed us that suffering doesn’t cancel grace—it becomes the

stage where grace shines brightest. Week 3 reminded us that grace doesn't leave us weak—it restores and strengthens us. So now, at the end, Peter says: *Don't just survive this—worship through it.*

***“For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.”*** —Romans 11:36

***“Let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe...”*** —Hebrews 12:28

Worship is not just about singing when life is good. It's about surrendering our hearts, our suffering, and our story to the God who holds it all.

To say “To Him be the glory” is to let go of our need to be in control. It's to resist the lie that we're the center of the story. It's to live with our eyes fixed on the One who has been faithful from beginning to end.

So ask yourself:

- Am I responding to God's grace with worship?
- Is my life pointing to His glory—or am I still clinging to my own?

Worship doesn't ignore the fire. But it sings through it. It praises through pain. It lifts hands, even when the heart feels heavy, because it knows who God is.

Let worship be your response—not just on Sundays, but in every moment of need, every victory, and every ordinary day.

**Glory Belongs to God Alone**

**“...be the dominion forever and ever.”**

Peter's next phrase is both **humbling** and **exalting**: “...*be the dominion...*”

In Greek, the word ***kratos* means strength, power, and sovereign rule.**

Peter is saying that God alone has the right to reign—not just now, but for all eternity.

This isn't just a poetic flourish—it's a **perspective reset**. In a world where human power seems to dominate and evil appears to win, Peter lifts our eyes to a deeper, truer reality: **God is still on the throne.**

Think about the arc of this letter. From the beginning, Peter has been helping these believers reframe their trials. He calls them *exiles* (1:1)—reminding them that this world is not their final home.

He tells them their suffering is “for a little while” (1:6; 5:10)—emphasizing that God's timeline stretches far beyond what we can see. And now, he ends with this declaration: **God's dominion is eternal.**

This is what sustained Jesus in His suffering:

***“For the joy set before him, he endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”***—Hebrews 12:2

And this is what sustains us: knowing that even when the world feels out of control, **God never relinquishes His rule.**

And here's the bigger picture: **God gets the glory for it all.** Every victory, every breakthrough, every moment of endurance is not proof of how strong we are—it's proof of how faithful He is.

***“Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory...”***  
—Psalm 115:1

***“Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty... Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all.”*** —1 Chronicles 29:11

So here’s the application woven right into the point:

- When life is good—give God the glory.
- When life is hard—trust in His dominion.
- When you're tempted to take credit—remember whose power sustains you.

To say “to Him be the dominion” is to surrender your need for control and to **rest in the rule of God**.

It’s to stop asking, “How can I fix this?” and to start declaring, “God is still reigning—even here.”

**The grace we’ve been talking about all series long—it flows from the throne of God. And the glory it produces? It belongs to Him.**

**Always.**

### **Eternity Is Already in Motion**

“Amen.”

It may seem like a small word—but in Scripture, “*Amen*” is never small. It’s a declaration. A stamp of confidence. A word that means, “*Yes! It is true. Let it be so.*”

And in this final moment, Peter is not just closing a letter—he’s making a bold, worshipful affirmation: everything I’ve just said is trustworthy, and it will come to pass.

This is not the quiet ending of a weary man. It's the resounding *yes* of someone who has seen the risen Christ, who has walked through the fires of trial, and who now sees the future with clarity. Eternity is not just a distant hope—it is the present reality breaking into our now.

***“Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think... to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”***—Ephesians 3:20–21

***“For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.”***—2 Corinthians 1:20

What does it mean to live an *Amen* life?

It means we don't just believe in God's eternal glory—we agree with it, align with it, and anchor ourselves to it. We say *yes* to the rule of Christ. *Yes* to the grace that carries us. *Yes* to the future God has secured.

So here's the takeaway:

- Let *Amen* be your answer to fear.
- Let *Amen* be your anchor in the waiting.
- Let *Amen* be the posture of your worship.

Because every promise of God finds its *yes* in Jesus—and one day, faith will give way to sight. The eternal glory we long for is already on the move. And the only thing left to say is...Amen.

## CONCLUSION

## **Grace has the Final Word.**

And just like that—we’ve come to the end of this journey through 1 Peter. From beginning to end, Peter has shown us what it means to live as people of grace in a world of suffering.

He’s reminded us that trials are real, but they are never wasted. That humility is the way up. That God’s grace is not just a concept—it’s a sustaining power. That restoration is not wishful thinking—it’s a divine promise.

And now, with one final phrase—***“To Him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.”***—Peter anchors us in the truth that **God is on the throne**, and His grace is leading us home.

So what do we do with this?

- **When life feels heavy—run to the God of all grace.**
- **When you're tempted to give up—remember that restoration is coming.**
- **When fear whispers lies—say *Amen* to God’s truth instead.**
- **When suffering clouds your vision—lift your eyes to eternal glory.**

Let the grace of God be the lens through which you see your story. Let His glory be the finish line you run toward.

And let your life declare what Peter declared with joy and certainty: **To Him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.**



This is not the end of the story. It's the beginning of a new way to live:  
Anchored in grace.

Fueled by hope.

Shaped by eternity.

And surrounded by the love of the God who called you to His eternal  
glory in Christ.

**To Him be the glory. Always.**

Let's pray together.