



Election Sure  
1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:10  
Part 3

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## INTRODUCTION – OUR NOW...IS NOW!

The United States has just completed the 2016 election process and we are bombarded by reports in the media concerning people's surprise, elation, dismay, excitement and even protests after the votes were counted. **One word that we have yet to hear from any prominent media outlet is "grief" related to the outcome and how it touches us on a very personal level.**

**Every major change in our lives has elements of grief attached to it, but we often miss that connection when it comes to the election process.** This particular election has a multitude of change attached to it. The presidential race has dominated the media and our lives for almost two years, as candidates competed for the opening position of leadership of the nation. The speeches, commentary and discussion has been part of our daily lives for the bulk of that time frame. It is further intensified by the fact that the predictions of the outcome were far different than the actual results.

And now it is all over, except for the post-election analysis, which endlessly rehashes everything that has happened in the last many months. **Change results of any kind is an element of grief.** Whether the results of any given race are those we wished to see or not, the changes and uncertainty of what the future may bring have **elements of grief attached to them.**

### A. **What is Grief?**

Grief is the normal and natural reaction to significant emotional loss of any kind.

Grief is the conflicting feelings caused by the end of, or change in, a familiar pattern of behavior.

Grief is the feeling of reaching out for someone who has always been there, only to find when you need them again, they are no longer there.

**When you are familiar with one thing and expecting a continuation of that same thing, but are then faced with a future that is different than what was predicted, you are likely to experience grief related to that new and different expectation.**

It is often said that **when something is mislabeled, it is mistreated.** We need to recognize the new and conflicting feelings that some people are experiencing, are grieving experiences and treat them as such if we wish to successfully move forward. **We are told "Time Heals". Time does not heal, action within time does.** Recovery is dependent on making the personal decision to take action, not with protest, but instead, recovery steps regarding our personal relationship to those with which we are emotionally incomplete.<sup>1</sup> The following I believe will help each one who are believers in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Note 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 1:10**

- I. **DIVINE ACCEPTANCE** - an agreeing either expressly/ clearly or by conduct to the act or offer of another so that a contract is concluded and the parties become legally bound. God's gracious favor shown both to Israel and to the Gentiles. God accepts people who respond to him, and worship that is offered sincerely and is accompanied by wholehearted commitment.

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**II. DIVINE CALLING** - God's summoning of individuals and people to himself, so that they will belong to him and serve him in his world. The calling of a believer may involve a specific place, task or vocation in life.

**God calls individuals to belong to him and serve him**

**God calls all people everywhere**

**God called particular individuals to do specific tasks at specific times**

**The believer's place in life is understood to be a calling** – Note 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 7:17-24

**III. DIVINE EAGERNESS** - A willingness, zeal or longing to accomplish a task or fulfil an ambition.

**Eagerness to perform a task - 1 Thessalonians 2:17**

**Eagerness for personal godliness - 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 1:10**

**Eager to do good works**

**Titus 2:14 (NASB)**

**14** who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

**Eager to serve - Romans 12:8**

**Eager to share the truth - Romans 1:15**

**Eager to give**

**2 Corinthians 8:7 (NASB)**

**7** But just as you abound in everything, in faith and utterance and knowledge and in all earnestness and in the love we inspired in you, see that you abound in this gracious work also.

**1 Chronicles 29:9 (NASB)**

**9** Then the people rejoiced because they had offered so willingly, for they made their offering to the LORD with a whole heart, and King David also rejoiced greatly.

**Eager to pray**

**Eager for God's honor**

**Closing**

Our nation is grieving? – But many Christians after this historic election are more so.

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**TIME WILL NOT HEAL THIS...ONLY THE ACTION WE TAKE DURING THIS TIME**

2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 1:10

King James Version (KJV)

<sup>10</sup> Wherefore the rather, brethren, ***give diligence to make your calling and election sure***: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

**Make Your "Election Sure"**

**NOW IS THE DAY OF SALVATION, COME TO JESUS NOW!**