

“1st Peter #1”

1st Peter 1:1-2 (Elect Exiles – Sanctified by the Blood)

Introduction: *Peter is writing to Jewish believers struggling in the midst of persecution, he encourages them to conduct themselves courageously for Christ... that their character and conduct must be above reproach.*

1. He sat under the teaching and discipleship of Jesus Christ.
2. Witnessed the glory of God, not only felt it, he saw it.
3. **He had a revelation**, knew the power and glory of God that few have experienced!

- Was he perfect... no!
- But he had a radical faith and zeal for God.

1 Peter 4:12-14 (NKJV)

“Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial, which is to try you, as though some strange thing has happened to you; but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ sufferings... v14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rest upon you...”

TEXT

1ST Peter 1: 1 – 2

- Peter an apostle of Jesus Christ... *“To the Pilgrims (Sojourners) of the dispersion...”*
- Sojourners: temporary residence.

V2a... *“**Elect** according to the **foreknowledge** of God the Father.”*

- ESV: Translates sojourners and elect as one phrase... *“elect exiles”*
- Exile: *“Someone forced out of their home country and is now living somewhere else.”*
- **Not only has God chosen us... He has exiled us from this world.**

Ephesians 1: 4-5 ***"Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will..."***

- God has taken us out of this world and translated us into His Kingdom!
- We are: Elect Exiles!

V2b... TEXT ***"In sanctification of the Spirit for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ."***

- **Sanctification:** ***"The act of being made holy. It isn't a one-time event; it's an ongoing experience of Gods' grace."*** **To be set apart as sacred, to make free from sin...**

1st Thessalonians 4: 3-6 ***"For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God."***

V2b... ***"and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ."***

Isaiah 52: 13-15...ESV ***"Behold my servant shall act wisely; He shall be high and lifted up and shall be exalted. As many were astonished at you. His appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and His form beyond that of the children of mankind... so shall He sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of Him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand."***

Hebrews 10:22-23... ESV ***"Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful."***

Hebrews 12:22-24... ESV ***"But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly (Church) of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel."***

V2c... TEXT ***"Grace to you and peace be multiplied..."***

- This is a recurring theme / blessing throughout the bible...

2nd Peter 1:2... Jude 1:2... Romans 1:7