1 Peter 1:1-2May GraceAnd PeaceBe Yours

Suffering
Grace
Glory

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To those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen 2 according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood:

May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure.

- 1 Peter 1:1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ...
- His original name was Simon. He was a fisherman.
- Jesus gave him a personal ministry name, Peter, who would be instrumental in the development of the early church...here self-identified as an apostle.
- Peter will use a metaphor for Christians later in this letter calling them "living stones." (2:4-8)
- Peter had seen the suffering of King Jesus.

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 To those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen...
- Aliens in one sense because they are kingdom citizens.
- Aliens in another sense because they are foreigners without legal protections and rights. (excluded, power-less, homeless)
- These aliens made up the church bodies so that the churches were made up of (and gave families to) hardworking poor people with no rights and no protection.

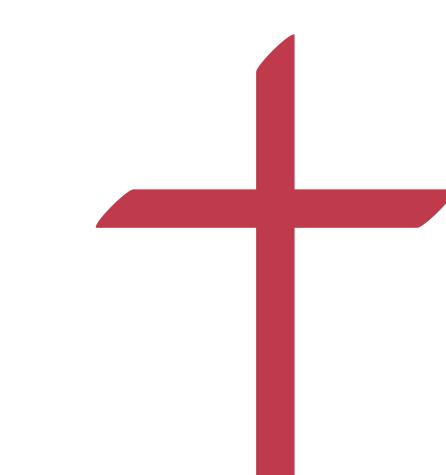
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- To be 'chosen' means to be entrusted with God's grace.
- This blessing is God's initiative and our response.
- This blessing is for our purification and His purposes.

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- Chosen according to...by...to... (Trinity)
- God has always had a plan for aliens and all peoples.
- God's plan is to set His people apart to work in them so that they would work with Him.
- Salvation is made possible by grace through faith in the crucified, risen King through initial surrender and a life-long surrendering.

1 Peter 1:2 ... May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure.



- 1. Opening (1:1-2) The church of Jesus Christ is the new temple, the new Israel, the new people of God.
- 2. Called to Salvation as Exiles (1:3-2:10)
- 3. Living as Aliens to Bring Glory to God in a Hostile World (2:11-4:11)
- 4. Persevering in Suffering (4:12-5:11)
- 5. Concluding Words (5:12-14)

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Practical Application & Action Steps:

- 1. See yourself as chosen by God and His grace to be an Instrument in the Redeemer's Hands.
- 2. See God's preferred future for our lives and the lives of those we impact as we are being sanctified/shaped.
- 3. Think BIG about being sprinkled with the King's blood and the identity, security and purpose we have as His children as part of His family.