

The Epistle of 1 Peter

▶ Author – Peter (1:1)

- ▶ Apostle

- ▶ Son of Jonah (John)

 - ▶ Matthew 16:17; John 21:15-17

- ▶ John 1:40-42

- ▶ Simon – “you shall be called Cephas, which is translated “a stone” (petros, or Peter)

- ▶ Introduced to Jesus by his brother Andrew

- ▶ Fisherman – Luke 5; Matthew 4:18

 - ▶ Partners in fishing with sons of Zebedee

- ▶ Of city of Bethsaida (“house of fishing”), John 1:44

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▶ Married

▶ Matthew 8:14, Luke 4:38, 1 Corinthians 9:5

▶ An elder when writing the epistle – 1 Peter 5:1

▶ Among “inner circle” of Jesus with James and John

▶ Raising of Jairus' daughter – Mark 5:37

▶ At mount of transfiguration – Matthew 17:1

▶ In garden of Gethsemane – Matthew 26:37

▶ Little known after Acts 15, other than Galatians 2:11

▶ Prophecy regarding him – John 21:18

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- ▶ Purpose of epistle
 - ▶ Encourage Christians to remain faithful through sufferings
 - ▶ 1 Peter 4:12
- ▶ Some key words
 - ▶ Suffer, Suffering
 - ▶ Precious, subjection, faith, obey
- ▶ Written when and from where?
 - ▶ Babylon, 5:13
 - ▶ John Mark with him
 - ▶ Conjectured dates range from A.D 58-64
- ▶ Addressed to “the pilgrims of the dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia”
 - ▶ Dispersion in a general sense as in Acts 8:1 – Christians scattered abroad, both Jew and Gentile

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- ▶ Galatia: 1st journey; Acts 16:6, 18:23
- ▶ Pontus, Cappadocia, Asia – Acts 2:8; Revelation 1:4 (Asia)
- ▶ Bithynia: Acts 16:6-7



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- ▶ Peter is an apostle of who?
 - ▶ Jesus Christ
 - ▶ Apostle = “a delegate; a messenger; one sent forth with orders” (Thayer)
- ▶ Writing to whom?
 - ▶ “the pilgrims of the dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia”

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- ▶ “pilgrims,” “those who reside as strangers” (NASB)
 - ▶ “properly, one who comes from a foreign country into a city or land to reside there by the side of the natives; hence stranger; sojourning in a strange place, a foreigner” (Thayer)

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- ▶ Christians are e _ _ _ _ or c _ _ _ _
- ▶ Christians are elect or chosen
- ▶ The election is:
 - ▶ According to the foreknowledge of God the Father
 - ▶ In sanctification of the Spirit
 - ▶ For obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus
- ▶ God has chosen the plan, not the man
 - ▶ It is a conditional election, not an unconditional election

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▶ The election is:

- ▶ According to the foreknowledge of God the Father
 - ▶ God decided ahead of time that salvation would be in Christ
 - ▶ Ephesians 1:3-4
- ▶ In sanctification of the Spirit
 - ▶ “by the sanctifying work of the Spirit” NASB
 - ▶ Sanctify = set apart, separated to special purpose
 - ▶ 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14

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- ▶ The election is:
 - ▶ For obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ
 - ▶ The end or design of God's plan is to bring men to obedience to Christ,
 - ▶ In order to receive the sprinkling of the blood of Christ to wash away our sins
 - ▶ Hebrews 10:22; 9:13-14; 10:29
 - ▶ When do we receive the sprinkling of the blood of Jesus?
 - ▶ Both human and divine side seen
- ▶ Election is according to the purpose of God, it is in the sphere of the Spirit's influence, and it is unto – designed to – produce obedience

1:3-5 Thanksgiving for the great salvation

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, {4} to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, {5} who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”

- ▶ Who has begotten us again?
 - ▶ “the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ”
- ▶ We have been begotten again unto what?
 - ▶ “a living hope”; “to an inheritance”
- ▶ Made possible by what?
 - ▶ “through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead”

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- ▶ We have been begotten again how?
 - ▶ 1:23 – of incorruptible seed, through the word of God
 - ▶ 1 Corinthians 4:15 – “begotten you through the gospel”
- ▶ It is according to His abundant mercy
 - ▶ Not because of our goodness
 - ▶ Ephesians 2:8-9