

1 Peter 1:1-2

Verse 1

- The Apostle Peter is the author of this letter.
- He is writing to those who reside as aliens. Some translations will use the word exiles instead of aliens. This is referring to those who are living in a place that is not their true home. The audience in this verse are those who are residing in Asia Minor (modern day Turkey).

Examples of exiles in the Old Testament:

- 1.) Garden of Eden
- 2.) Exiles in Egypt
- 3.) Assyrian Exile
- 4.) Babylonian Exile

As Christians we are referred to as exiles as we are living in a place that is not truly our home.

- **Hebrews 11:13-16** All these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a country of their own. ¹⁵And indeed if they had been ^uthinking of that *country* from which they went out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better *country*, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ^uashamed to be called their God; for He has prepared a city for them.
- **Phil 3:20** For our ^[a]citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;

Our true residency is in Heaven!! That's when we will finally cease from our wandering and be home!!

If you are not a Christian, then enjoy your life and this world now, this is your heaven.

For a Christian, this earth is our very worst, the best is yet to come. Every step we are closer to home.

Chosen

The group to whom he is writing are the elect of God. This is important to remember as we work through 1 & 2 Peter. His audience is the elect and chosen of God. These are the true regenerated believers of God who have been sovereignly chosen by God grace and mercy! (**Ephesians 1:4**). The elect exiles are truly exiles on this earth with Heaven being are home guaranteed (**Rev 17:14**)

Verse 2

- This verse begins in direct connection with the chosen exiles and why they are chosen.
- Verse 2 will demonstrate that salvation is a trinitarian work. Prayer is also trinitarian.

God the Father:

We are chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father. This refers to the foreknowledge which is the first link in the Golden Chain found in Romans 8:29. This word means to choose. It also means to know intimately and personally as in His salvific love toward his elect. We see parallel verses how this means chosen in verses such as: **Amos 3:2** and **Romans 11:2** (the nation of Israel, His chosen people) and also in **1 Peter 1:20** in reference to Jesus being the Lamb chosen before the foundation of the world.

The reason you are a Christian and will find your citizenship in Heaven is God the Father chose you and wrote your name in the Lambs book before the foundation of the world. He gave the elect to the Son as a gift.

- o **Ephesians 1:3-6** Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, ⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before ⁵ Him. In love ⁵ He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the ⁶ kind intention of His will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.
- o **John 6:37-40** All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out. ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. ³⁹ This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰ For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.”

God the Son:

Jesus has been given the elect/sheep from the Father as a gift. He must now rescue His people from their sins (**Matthew 1:21**). Via the incarnation, Jesus will live a life of perfect obedience and then willingly lay His life down for the sheep (passive obedience) as mentioned in **John 10:11**. Christ will purchase and redeem all those whom the Father has chosen and given to Him.

In this verse we seen the mention of being sprinkled with His (Jesus) blood. We must note that who are those that are covered and sprinkled by the blood of Christ, the chosen. This reference goes to **Leviticus 16** and the Day of Atonement. The high priest would take the blood of the first goat (the second goat

was the goat that let go after the sins of the people were confessed over it-scapegoat-expiation) that was killed in place of the people and their sins and enter the Holy of Holies (this goat represented-propitiation). The high priest would then take the blood and sprinkle it on the mercy seat of the Ark of the Covenant to cover and atone for the sins of the people. We know that Ark of the Covenant was a type and shadow pointing to Christ. Christ would be the true mercy seat where the blood would be placed on behalf of the sins of His people via the cross.

- o **Romans 3:24-25** being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; ²⁵ whom God displayed publicly as a ^[a]propitiation ^[b]in His blood through faith. *This was* to demonstrate His righteousness, ^[c]because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed;

In the Old Testament the blood on the mercy seat was what stood between the presence of God and the Law of God. Now, the only thing that separates the believer from the perfection that is required by the law and the wrath of God is the blood of Jesus which brings us reconciliation and peace with the Father (**Romans 5:1,9**). Without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness (**Heb 9:22**)

The church was purchased with His blood:

- o **Acts 20:28** Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you ^[a]overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He ^[b]purchased ^[c]with His own blood.
- o **1 Peter 1:18-19** knowing that you were not ^[a]redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, ¹⁹ but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, *the blood* of Christ.
- o **Ephesians 1:3-7** Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, ⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before ^[a]Him. In love ⁵ ^[b]He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the ^[c]kind intention of His will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In ^[d]Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace
- o **1 Corinthians 6:19-20** Or do you not know that your body is a ^[a]temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from ^[b]God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰ For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

God the Spirit:

The Spirit is involved in the sanctifying of the chosen. The Spirit is involved in the regeneration of the elect. Sanctification begins at our regeneration and progresses in our Christian walk as we are continually conformed into the image of God. This Spirit is specific in his work as He only regenerates and sanctifies those who are foreknown by the Father and have been given to the Son to whom which the Son died. The Spirit is a seal to the elect (Eph 1:13-14, Eph 4:30, 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, 2 Corinthians 5:5) and is one of the paracletes to help and guide us and progress us into our sanctification which leads to increased obedience of Christ.

Grace and peace

- *Again, we must see the connection between the chosen and those who are receiving grace and peace.*

Grace is God's love and favor to sinners who are undeserving of such favor or love. This is unmerited on behalf on those who receive God's grace. We are saved by grace (sola gratia) through faith.

- o **Ephesians 2:8-9** For by grace you have been saved through faith; and ^{that} not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; ^{not} as a result of works, so that no one may boast.
- o **Romans 3:23-24** for all ^{have} sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ^{being} justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;

Peace means that the war with God is over. His wrath toward us has ceased and we who were hostile enemies toward God have now been reconciled and have peace with God through Christ.

- o **Romans 5:1** Therefore, having been justified by faith, ^{we} have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ
- o **Romans 5:9** Much more then, having now been justified ^{by} His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath *of God* through Him.
- o **Colossians 1:19-20** For ^{it} was the *Father's* good pleasure for all the ^{fullness} to dwell in Him, ^{and} through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, *I say*, whether things on earth or things in ^{heaven}.