

1 Peter Series “Elect Exiles”

1 Peter 1:1-2

Sept 5

What do I do when the gospel and trouble collide?

1 Peter 1:1-2

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,
To God’s elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, 2 who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood:
Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

Peter is establishing an identity.

“Chosen”

Deuteronomy 7:6

For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession.

“Exiles”

“Sprinkled”

Peter gives strong assurance that these Gentile Christians are the people of God, not just as Israel was ,but in the ultimate spiritual sense.

1 Peter 1:2

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Does God chose?

Deuteronomy 14:2

Out of all the peoples on the face of the earth, the Lord has chosen you to be his treasured possession.

Ephesians 1:3-5

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. 4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love 5 he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—

1 Thessalonians 1:4-5

For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction.

Acts 13:48

When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed.

Romans 8:29

For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

When foreknowledge is applied to people in the Bible it means that God has placed his love on them.

Jeremiah 1:5

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”

This doctrine is meant to provide great comfort.

The doctrine of election says that if you are God’s, He has got you.

Grow Group Discussion Questions

- What did God say to you during our Sunday gathering?
- Peter identifies Gentile believers in terms used for Israel. How would that change the way a Gentile Christian thinks about God or himself?
- How is the doctrine of election meant to bring us comfort? Has this doctrine brought you comfort or more concern? Why?
- Discuss the idea that God’s foreknowledge is more than God having access to future information about you but that foreknowledge means fore-loving.
- How are Christians currently exiled? Where is our present citizenship? How does this impact how we live? What does a decision process look like when our heaven citizenship is being considered?
- How can your Grow Group help you apply this passage to your life this week?