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LIFE IN EXILE

SUSTAINED BY HOPE IN A HOSTILE WORLD

Introduction to the Book of 1 Peter

ELECT EXILES

Understanding and Embracing Our True Identity

(1 Peter 1:1-2)

INTRODUCTION:

THE LARGER CONTEXT:

1. Our _____ : (v. 1-2)

"To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion..." (ESV)

2. Our _____ : (v. 3-5)

"...to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,..."

3. Our _____ : (v. 6-9)

"In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,..."

THE GREETING: (V. 1-2)

1A. THE AUTHOR'S _____ : (v. 1a)

"Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,..."

2A. THE RECIPIENTS' _____ : (v. 1b-2a)

"To those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen 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:"

1B. The Three Descriptive _____ :

"To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion..." (ESV)

- We are, at one and the same time, the most _____ (exiles) and the most _____ (elect) people on earth.

"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."

—Hebrews 11:13

"But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He has prepared a city for them."

—Hebrews 11:16

2B. The Three Descriptive _____ :

1C. The _____ :
"...according to the foreknowledge of God the Father,..."

2C. The _____ :
"...by the sanctifying work of the Spirit,..."

3C. The _____ :
"...for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ."

3A. THE LETTER'S _____ : (v. 2b)

"May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure."

CONCLUSION: