

EXILES IN THE HAND OF GOD

Introduction To 1 Peter

1 PETER 1:1-2

1) What are the keys events in the background of 1 Peter?

- What kind of setting does this create for the original readers of this letter?

2) Walk through of 1 Peter 1:1-2

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

b. To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia...

c. according to the foreknowledge of God the Father...

d. in the sanctification of the Spirit...

e. for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood...

f. May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

3) How should we respond to a progressively hostile culture towards Jesus?

QUESTIONS AND SCRIPTURE FOR FURTHER STUDY THIS WEEK

1. As we start this new sermon series, we learn of Peter's desire to give new hope to believers who were fearful after Paul's death. Following Peter's example, what guidance do the following Scriptures give to continue bringing people the message of new hope?

Romans 8:18

Isaiah 40:30-31

Psalm 31:23-24

2. 1 Peter is a book about of life as an exile. How do the following verses depict God's protection over us and how might that be an encouragement during "the storm" in an increasingly hostile culture towards Jesus?"

Psalm 84

Psalm 91:1-4

Psalm 119:114

3. As we start a brand new year there's an opportunity to refocus, recalibrate, and proactively think about what we want to strive for moving forward. As you read the following verses, take some time to think about what (if any) changes you'd like to make in 2017.

Ephesians 4:22-24

Philippians 3:13-14

Colossians 3:15, 17