

C3:16 Bible Study

I Peter 1:1-2

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I Peter 1:1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ:

To those chosen, living as exiles dispersed abroad in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, chosen ² according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient and to be sprinkled with the blood of Jesus Christ.

May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

I. Historical background

When and who did he write this letter to?

Peter wrote the letter around AD 64

He wrote it from Rome in all probability

5:13 She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings, as does Mark, my son.

Modern day Turkey

Christian Gentiles and Jews

II. Why did he write this letter?

The letter is to encourage them to stand strong in their faith.

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5:12 Through Silvanus, [□] a faithful brother (as I consider him), I have written to you briefly in order to encourage you and to testify that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it!

III. Textual analysis

A. Peter reminds them they are chosen.

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I Peter 2:⁹ But you are **a chosen race,**^[a] **a royal priesthood,**^[a] **a holy nation,**^[a] **a people for his possession,**^[a] **so that you may proclaim the praises**^{[a][a]} of the one who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1. --Jesus talked about being chosen

John 6:44 No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws^[a] him, and I will raise him up on the last day.

John 6:39: This is the will of him who sent me: that I should lose none of those he has given me but should raise them up on the last day.

2. --Paul and Barnabus talked about being chosen

Acts 13:48 When the Gentiles heard this, they rejoiced and honored the word of the Lord, and all who had been appointed to eternal life believed.

3. ---Paul talked about being chosen

Romans 8:28-30 We know that all things work together^[a] for the good^[a] of those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; and those he called, he also justified; and those he justified, he also glorified.

4. --- There is much controversy regarding the theology of election (being chosen)

--See Systematic Theology by Wayne Grudem

--See also Frank Turek

<https://crossexamined.org/free-will-or-calvinism-which-should-you-choose-with-dr-leighton-flowers/>

B. Peter reminds them how we are as the chosen

through the sanctifying work of the Spirit,

Sanctification refers to "separation, consecration and holiness." JM

1. God cleans us up at salvation

Acts 15: ⁸ And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he also did to us. ⁹ He made no distinction between us and them, cleansing their hearts by faith.

2. God is progressively cleaning us up throughout our life here on earth.

Rom 12:1-2 Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship.^[a] ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.

- C. Peter reminds them the purpose of being chosen.

to be obedient and to be sprinkled with the blood of Jesus Christ.

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do.

- D. Peter reminds them this should bring great comfort

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- E. Application and encouragement from Peter

1. All our wounds and troubles can be leveraged to help others.
2. We should be thankful in both word and lifestyle that we are part of the "chosen".
3. We should never get comfortable in this world since it is not our home.

Close:

"May grace and peace be multiplied to you."

Peter