

# *I Peter*

## (2) God's Chosen

*Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,*

*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: May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure. I Peter 1:1-2 NAS*

### ***Facing persecution knowing who you are...IPet.1: 1-2***

What was (is) true about the persecution Christians were enduring? Lu.21:12-17; James 1:1-3

**Persecution for His names sake is decreed/determined. It's produces endurance of faith.**

How does Peter physically identify those to whom he writes? 1:1

**As aliens, scattered throughout Asia Minor (modern Turkey). Physically 'dispersed'.**

Is this only a description of them physically? Phil.3:20

**No. All believers are strangers in this world, aliens. Citizens of the Kingdom of God.**

How does he spiritually identify those to whom he writes? 1:1; ICor.1:26-30; IIThess.2:13-15

**As those who were chosen. This choosing is always by God, apart from merit.**

Is *God's chosen* a new or isolated doctrine? 2:9; Deut.7:6; Jn.15:16; Eph.1:4-5; Col.3:12

**Not at all! It has always been God's sovereign choice, totally apart from any merit.**

Does God just choose those whom He knew (foreknowledge) *would* choose Him? Acts 13:46-49

**Absolutely not! In/of ourselves, NO ONE would believe, Rom.3:9-19. All His grace.**

Why can't *foreknowledge* mean man sovereignly chooses? Jn.15:16; Rom.3:11; 9:16; Eph.2:8-9

**We won't choose Him, Rom.3:11. Not of ourselves, Eph.2:8-9. No boasting, all of Him.**

Comment on 1:20 (same word). How was Jesus foreknown (chosen)? Acts 2:23

**Jesus' being the spotless Lamb of God was the predetermined plan of God. His will.**

Why would Peter open this letter with this doctrine of election? Col.3:12-13

**When rightly understood, this doctrine is most encouraging to those facing persecution.**

### ***The work of the Trinity in salvation...1:2***

From I Peter 1:2, what is the Father's work in salvation? 1:2; Ps.65:4

**Believers are chosen, elect, by the foreknowledge of the Father. Before creation!**

What is the Holy Spirit's work in salvation? 1:2; II Thess.2:13-15

**Believers are chosen by the sanctifying (setting apart) work of the Spirit to obey Jesus.**

What is the work of the Son, Jesus Christ in salvation? 1:2, 18-19; Mt.26:28

**As the spotless Lamb of God, He satisfied God's wrath on believer's sins, completely.**

And what OT event is recalled for those who are the called? 1:2; Ex.24:3-8; Heb.9:19-20

**Believers are sprinkled with the blood of Christ. The seal of the New Covenant, Mt.26:28**

What is Peter's prayer to God for these fellow believers? 1:2; IIPet.1:2; Gal.1:3; Eph.1:2; etc...

**May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure! And all God's people say, Amen!**