

# FULL<sup>OF</sup> HOPE, FAR<sup>FROM</sup> HOME

Study in 1 Peter

**Sermon Title: A Letter to Elect Exiles**

**Scripture: 1 Peter 1:1-2**

## INTRODUCTION

### I. REJOICING IN THE GRACE OF THE GODHEAD

*“Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with His blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.” (1 Peter 1:1-2)*

1) Peter begins this letter by using the name that Jesus gave him.

2) Peter moves from the name Jesus gave him to the position of authority that He gave him.

*1 Peter 5:1-2 -*

3) As Peter opens his letter he identifies a glorious SPIRITUAL truth, a hard TEMPORARY reality, and a comforting GEOGRAPHICAL fact to his readers (and to us!).

Note: Being called an “ELECT exile” emphasizes GOD’S eternal will, choice, and decision to love, save, and redeem a people for Himself (sinners just like us!).

*1 Peter 2:9-10 -*

Note: Being called an “*elect EXILE*” emphasizes that this world is NOT our home; we are much more like “pioneers” rather than “settlers”; life is NOT easy for exiles, BUT this is a temporary condition!

*1 Peter 2:11-12 -*

Note: By emphasizing the “dispersed” nature of these believers and the five districts in which they lived, they can take great comfort in the fact that while they may be dispersed, they are not alone!

*Acts 16:6-7 -*

**4) Peter explains that God the FATHER foreknows, God the SPIRIT sanctifies, and God the SON expects love-motivated-obedience from those He has cleansed from sin.**

*Ephesians 1:4-6; 2 Thessalonians 2:13 -*

#### **Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...**

1. What do we see of Peter in the book of Acts? How did God continue to grow and mature him?
2. What's significant about the name “Peter”? How did Peter get the name “Peter”?
3. What is both “wonderful” and “hard” about being called an “elect exile”?
4. What is significant about the five districts that are mentioned and Acts 16:6-7?
5. According to verse 2, how is the Godhead (the Trinity) said to be at work in our salvation?