



GOD'S SALVATION HELPS US LIVE IN THE WORLD

1 Peter 1:1-2

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Good morning Church! The Books 1 & 2 Peter were written by one of Jesus' closest friends. As one of the original disciples, Peter witnessed a persecution, arrest, crucifixion and resurrection of his Savior. In these letters, he wrote to believers who faced troubled times for their faith. He urged them to see their trials as a way to increase their faith.

"And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Matthew 16:18

1 Peter 1:1-2

"Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, **2** 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. God's COVENANT People are Those with a RIGHT RELATIONSHIP with God. (v 1)

*"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. **10** Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy." **1 Peter 2:9-10***

2. God's COVENANT People are STRANGERS of this WORLD and SOCIETY. (v 1)

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"Peter intends his readers to understand who they are before God so that they can be who they are in society."

- Christians have different PRIORITIES, VALUES, and ALLEGIANCES than our neighbors.

3. God's COVENANT People are CHOSEN by the TRIUNE God for SALVATION. (v 2)

*"Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god." **Isaiah 44:6***

- God the FATHER initiated a redemptive PLAN based upon His FOREKNOWLEDGE.
- God the SPIRIT initiates redemptive POWER that is able to REGENERATE souls.
- God the SON is the redemptive PERSON who Offers the forgiveness of Sin by His BLOOD.
- GRACE and PEACE only come through a TRUE relationship with God through Christ.

Salvation through Jesus Christ

*The single most important decision a person could ever make in their lifetime is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The Bible says, "all have sinned and fall short of God's glory" and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death". Yet through God's love, only "Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith"... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead YOU WILL BE SAVED. **The Bible says to REPENT of your sins. BELIEVE in Jesus receiving His forgiveness.** Then, identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED.*