

1 Peter

1:1

“apostle” (αποστολος) – an official representative who was appointed and authorized by the one doing the sending.

“elect” (εκλεκτος) – elect, is an adjective, from the verb form that means to pick out, to select.

- This word was used in the papyri to mean “select” or “choice”
- Deuteronomy 14:2
- Verb form is used in Ephesians 1:4, “even as he **chose** us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.”

“strangers” (παρεπιδημος) – one who lives alongside of. A sojourner. A person living temporarily as a foreigner, staying for a while in a strange place. They have settled down alongside others.

- See 2:11
- Also used in Hebrews 11:13, “even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.”

“scattered” (διασπορα) – means “dispersion, scattering, diaspora”

- It is a word used of the Jewish diaspora that came from deportation and movement into foreign lands.
- Here Peter uses a term normally used for Israel and places the meaning on the believers in the church age.
- John 7:35 – “The Jews said to one another, “Where does this man intend to go that we will not find him? Does he intend to go to the **Dispersion** among the Greeks and teach the Greeks?”
- James 1:1 – “James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ. To the twelve tribes in the **Dispersion**: Greetings.

1:2

“according to” – is kata (κατα) which means down and gives the impression of dominion.

- The “election” is established by the authority or dominion of the “foreknowledge.”

“foreknowledge” – “prognosis” (προγνωσις) — knowing beforehand, foreknowledge. Compound Greek word:

1. “pro” meaning “before” and “gnosis” meaning “knowledge”
2. First used in Acts 2:23
3. A term used of Israel in the OT as being God’s client nation to reveal himself to the world with.
4. Calvinist change this word into “foreordination” just like they do in Romans 8:29
5. For example:
 - a. Pink says this foreknowledge is not God’s “prescience of all things, but signifies that the saints were all eternally present in Christ before the mind of God” since they were “chosen by Him as the special objects.”
 - b. Calvin says “God knew before the world was created those whom he had elected for salvation.”
 - c. Warfield calls it “the elective foreknowledge of God.”
6. Divine election is one thing, but foreknowledge is another.

Sequence:

1. God’s eternal plan
2. Sanctified by Spirit which means set apart for a lifestyle. The connection with “election” and “sanctification” is made only one other place and that is by Paul in 2 Thes. 2:13)
3. Obedience is the result as in
 - a. Romans 10:16
 - b. 2 Cor. 10:5
 - c. Romans 1:5
4. Sprinkled” is the sealing of the covenant as in Exodus 24:7-8 after the people pledged obedience in Ex. 24:3. These people are in a covenant.

