

# Living as Elect Sojourners – Part 1

## 1 Peter 1:1-16

### I. Elect Pilgrims v. 1-2a

#### A. Pilgrims = sojourners v. 1

Greek is a compound word meaning “*the people who dwell beside native residents in the land.*”  
The lost are the ones who are native to this present world.  
Christians are those scattered in various places (*diaspora*).

#### B. Elect – according to the foreknowledge of God v. 2a

This is often misunderstood at because of what “foreknowledge” means to us.  
v. 20 – foreordained = verb form of the word in v. 2

Certainly, foreordained is the correct idea but the ESV reads in v. 20 --

He was **foreknown** before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you

In reference to God at its root it means “Love before time”.

1. God loves us.
2. God has a plan for us.

### II. Our Trinitarian Salvation v. 2b

We see all 3 persons or subsistences of the Trinity in this half-verse.

Election – usually attributed to the Father.

Sanctification – usually attributed to the work of the Spirit.

Redemption – by the blood of Christ.

We pray to the Father – in Jesus’ Name – by the Spirit.

### III. Our Sure Hope v. 3-5

- Faith is the instrument that was given to us.
- Now we live by faith.
- Then – we will no longer need “faith” as such, because faith will be sight – for we shall see Him as He is.

## IV. The Purpose of Trials in this Life v. 6-9

## V. Be Ye Holy v. 15-16

### A. The Calling of God v. 15 – *As He who called you*

The doctrine of Effectual Calling.

Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ freely offered to us in the gospel.

### B. The Nature of Holiness – found in God Himself

1. Holiness carries the idea of separateness.
2. Holiness carries the idea of purity.

### C. The Nature of Holiness – as it is and is to be in Us

Distinguish between Justification and Sanctification

We can make two seemingly contradictory statements.

Christian friend – you are holy.

Christian friend – you need to be holy.

Martin Luther used this Latin phrase to describe this:

*Simul Justus et peccator*

At one and the same time – righteous and a sinner.

#### ■ From the Baptist Catechism – Q. 38 -- What is sanctification?

Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

#### ■ LBCF – Chapter 13

They who are united to Christ, effectually called, and regenerated, having a new heart and a new spirit created in them through the virtue of Christ's death and resurrection, are also farther sanctified, really and personally, through the same virtue, by his Word and Spirit dwelling in them; the dominion of the whole body of sin is destroyed, and the several lusts of it are more and more weakened and mortified, and they more and more quickened and strengthened in all saving graces, to the practice of all true holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.