

For Obedience to Jesus Christ and For Sprinkling with His Blood (1 Peter 1:2c)

- Peter's encouragement to persecuted believers: begins with Trinitarian salvation
- Election is the central theme as he speaks about the richness of this salvation
- The nature of our election: whom God chose His free sovereign grace
- The condition of our election: exiles, strangers, aliens- heaven was their home
- The source of our election: elect according to the foreknowledge of God
- The sphere of our election: realized through - sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit
- The 6th aspect of our election is: purpose of our election which is (Eph 2:10)

I. Obedience to Jesus Christ (Eph 2:10 1 Tim 6: 3; 1 Thess 1: 1-10)

- The sanctifying work of the Spirit has been done "that you may obey Jesus Christ"
- Salvation by definition is a life of obedience. Set apart by the Spirit for obedience
- Righteousness characterizes our behavior. Virtue is a pattern of our life
- The true doctrine of Christ, of salvation, has inherent in it a confirming godliness
- Blessed reality of salvation yields lovely fruit of obedience (work of Holy Spirit)

II. And for Sprinkling with His Blood (Acts 5:32; Romans 6:17)

- This phrase gives us the 7th aspect of our election: the security of our election
- Peter's reference to the sprinkling of the blood is linked to Ex 24:3-8
- Moses proclaimed God's Word & the people responded with "we will obey it" (3)
- Half the blood sprinkled on the altar and half the blood sprinkled on the people
- The blood testified to the covenant God made with the people that day (v8)
- In the death of Jesus Christ there was not only provided a covenant of salvation
- Also bound in that covenant of salvation was a covenant of obedience (Heb 9:14)
- Christ's atoning work brings me into a covenant of obedience sealed in His blood
- Finally May grace & peace be multiplied to you. Peter's prayer, grace abundantly

Conclusion and Application → The Blessings of the Doctrine of Election

- 1) It is a pride crushing doctrine: produces humility, God gives grace to the humble
- 2) It is a God glorifying doctrine: it gives God all the glory. Everything is from God
- 3) It is the most joy producing doctrine: Rom 9: 24; Ps 65 4
- 4) The most privilege granting doctrine in salvation: all spiritual blessings (Eph 1:3)
- 5) The most holiness promoting doctrine of the elements of salvation (1 Pet 2:9)
- 6) It is the most strength giving doctrine of salvation what God starts He finishes