

# LIVING AS EXILES

WORDS OF GRACE FOR TROUBLED TIMES



1 PETER 1:1-2

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## Introduction

- Why 1 Peter?
  - Parallel to our own times and circumstances
- The fulness of the letter
- The contrast to 2 Peter
- How this intro functions in setting the tone for the whole letter

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## The Author

This letter is from Peter,  
an *apostle* of Jesus Christ.

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The Recipients' Identity

I am writing to God's *chosen people*  
who are living as *foreigners* [Gk. "of the *dispersion*"]  
in the provinces of  
Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia.

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The Recipients' Trinitarian Connection

*God the Father*  
knew you  
and chose you long ago,  
and *his Spirit*  
has made you holy.  
As a result,  
you have obeyed him  
and have been cleansed  
by the blood of *Jesus Christ*.

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The Prayer

May God give you  
more and more *grace and peace*.

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Closing Thoughts

- Our identity as chosen exiles in the world
  - This letter will guide us in how to live as citizens in a foreign land whose ultimate allegiance is to another King and Kingdom
  - It seems clear the time has come for us again to feel this foreign sensibility
- A community letter for the church
  - As such, we should read and live it together
    - Obedience is an outcome of God's electing grace
- Our ultimate need for multiplied grace and peace

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