

Peter's First Epistle

I-PETER

CHAPTER 1:1-2

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TITLE:

“TRIALS ALONG THE WAY”

THE CHRISTIANS JOURNEY THROUGH THE WILDERNESS OF THE WORLD

THEME:

“1 Pet 5:12

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INTRODUCTION: Reading of the Text 1:1-2

“TRIALS ALONG THE WAY”

Taking a Trip or a Journey we always want to make sure we have enough...

Guys... Money, Gas, Lady's ... Cloths, make-up

Rarely do we plan for “Trials along the way”

After all, isn't life, a vacation, a cruise, an adventure

A lot of “Christians” are shocked to find out that there is a world out there that is dead set on their journey to their eternal holiday

THE BACKGROUND TO THIS BOOK

Written in 63 AD. From Rome
Just one year before Emperor Nero burned Rome and blamed the Christians

67 AD Peter was arrested at the emperor's command and was crucified upside down

Peter was a bread and butter kind of a guy and it shows in his writings

We must sneak ahead to the back of the book to see why peter
wrote these two books

1 Peter 5:12b

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you stand.

- * **Stand** GRK 2476 histemi (his'-tay-mee)
to hang in there, to continue,
to take a position so that you do not slip!

The Man Peter: His Purpose;

God used Peter to write these epistles regarding
Spiritual Persecution

But not the kind of persecution that we normally think of...
from the "spirit" of the world!

(Our Daily Christian Difficulties in Life)

The Man Peter: His Education;

Peter's education would have been at the very basic level for the community in which he lived. Taught to read and write the scriptures first and some basic sciences he would have possessed an average education.

The Man Peter: His Parentage;

We know little about his parentage, he was Jewish and grew up in kosher home. He was a believer in Judaism, and he appeared to follow the law as close as he could. He was very impetuous & spontaneous - my kind of guy! - HE WAS MARRIED

The Man Peter: His Vocation;

He operated a fishing business in Galilee. He was considered to be a large and hairy man. He was rather loud and an extrovert in personality.

The Man Peter: - His Conversion;

Matthew 4:18-20

And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen ¹⁹ Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." ²⁰ They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

Either the fishing was really bad that day...

or they saw something in Jesus Christ that was inviting...

PETER WOULD HAVE KNOWN OF HIM AT LEAST

Jesus was being watched all His early years...

This man would have been told about & would have observed Him

Hey That's Jesus -

The One Herod Killed all those children trying to Find

That's Jesus -

He whipped the Pharisee's at the temple in Greek and Hebrew when He was only twelve...

PETER'S BOLDNESS IS REFRESHING

Like a Detective he lays out the scene..

- #1 - The **Who** question is answered immediately in **verses 1&2**
- #2 - The **How** question is answered next in **verse 2a**
- #3 - The **Why** question is then answered in **verse 2b**

1.) "The Who"

Verse 1

*Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To **the pilgrims** of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,*

Called to be an Apostle out of the fishing industry

- * **Apostle** **GRK 652 apostolos (ap-os'-tol-os)**
an ambassador. One who is commissioned. A messenger (with miraculous powers), he that is sent.

The pilgrims

_____ Pilgrims of the Dispersion _____

(the Diaspora)

They all had once lived in Israel and many of them had once been practicing Jews... Persecutions of the (spirit-evil) pressures and trials of life had come against them...

Verse 2a

***elect** according to the foreknowledge of God the Father*

1a) Their True Restoration

- * **Elect** **GRK 1588 eklektos (ek-lek-tos')**
select ones or highly favorite ones. Those who have been chosen

They had been Impeached
by their friends and Family

The Doctrine of Election

Election is never without Foreknowledge
God Knows All Before It Happens

Ephesians 1:4
just as He **CHOSE** us in Him before the foundation of the world,

In The Greek Aorist Tense;
meaning "In a Moment of Time, a once and for all decision that's made

In and Of Himself,

He Decided to Choose You Independent of what or who you are.
That means before you goofed up last week - He picked you

Turn to Romans 9:10

Turn to 1-peter 1:2

Turn to romans 8:28-30

Notice God's "Declaration" to His Own

Man's Responsibility

God's Sovereignty

Like two parallel lines that on this side of eternity will never meet, but there

Isaiah 46:8
"Remember this, and show yourselves men; Recall to mind, O you transgressors. ⁹ Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, ¹⁰ **Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done,** saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will do what I please,'

Acts 13:48

Now when the Gentiles heard the Gospel, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord. And as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.

Peter was restoring in their minds a sense of family.

Because they had become Christians - out of Judaism. They would have been told that there were not of the "Elect" the house of Israel

There New Life was in Christ

Not in the Traditions - Not in the Ceremonies - Not in the Law

To Be Elect was to be of... The Household
But Now their Election was of Heaven!!!

They Had Come Into a True Family
(Greater than that of the earth and of this blood)

2.) "The How"

Verse 2b

*in **sanctification** of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.*

2a) How? - By Setting Us Apart by the H.S.

in sanctification of the Spirit

The Gospel is to be Preached around the World... Those who believe it are called, chosen, elect...

Those who refuse to believe - are not chosen by God

But God is Never Fatalistic

Those Who Believe - are Sanctified

* **Sanctification** GRK 38 **hagiasmos** (hag-ee-as-mos')
purification, i.e. (the state of) or purity; - holiness,
being declared holy

* **Through** GRK **en** (en)
a primary preposition denoting (fixed or position place, or state),
“implying a relationship of rest” says the Greek new testament

2b) The Depth of Our Salvation (Past - Future)

for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ:

The sprinkling of the blood

This is a reference to the night of Passover in Egypt

The Israelis (And anyone else who believed the warning) were to take unblemished lamb and
slay it...

Putting the Blood upon the Door,

But the believer was safe inside of the house, covered by blood

Exodus 12:13

Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when
I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you
when I strike the land of Egypt.

The Death Angel Looked to the Blood

Not the sins and failures
of the people inside

(No dragging up of their past - no sin sniffing & fault finding)

**He didn't look to see if they had worked on the blood
(It was sprinkled man - it was a mess)**

What Justified the Angels Actions to Pass-Over? The Future Blood of Jesus Christ

3.) The Why

Verse 2c

*(that there would be) **Grace** to you and **peace** be multiplied.*

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Grace **GRK** 5485 charis (khar'-ece)

A graciousness. the divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life. favour, gifts, grace

THIS IS THE GRACE NEEDED FOR “ENDURANCE” & COMPLETION

Peter Quickly Mentions Grace!

It Must have Been a Word He Often Used

Another Favorite is... precious!

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precious promises - precious faith

I would Have Loved to have Been Around
“These Kinds of Leaders”

THE PROCESS IS LONG & PAINFUL BUT THE RESULTS ARE CERTAIN...

Consider Peter’s Original Name, Simon

In scripture He is called to the Lord as “Simon”
and as time progresses, he’s called “Peter” more and more

2 Corinthians 3:18

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

WHO WE ARE TODAY...

WILL NOT BE THE PERSON WHO’LL WE’LL BE IN THE FUTURE

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Peace **GRK 1515 eirene (i-ray'-nay);**

probably from a primary verb eiro (to join);
peace (literally or figuratively); by
implication, prosperity:

KJV-- one, peace, quietness, rest, + set at one
again.

2 Corinthians 3:18 (KJV)

But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord,
are changed into the same image from glory to glory,
even as by the Spirit of the Lord.