



1 Peter 1:1-2

GOD KNOWS WHERE YOU ARE AND WHAT YOU'RE GOING THROUGH



GRACE AND TRUTH FLOW FROM THE SERVANT OF JESUS TO THE NEEDY PEOPLE OF JESUS (1)

- Peter is an intimate associate of Christ who communicates with supernatural insight and God-given authority.
- Peter also writes as one familiar with the suffering of Jesus and one who has experienced suffering as a follower of Jesus.
- Referring to them as God's *elect* is meant to comfort them as those who have been set apart to display divine favor.
 - The initiative of gospel favor and care resides first and foremost in God.
 - John 1:11–13
 - 1 Peter 2:9a
 - Those who were once enemies of God and children of wrath are now chosen by God to receive favor as His children.

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- *exiles* - sojourning on this earth as resident aliens
- Their new and transforming lives, as those saved by faith in Jesus and set apart to be His followers, causes them to reside in their homelands as foreigners.
 - 1 Peter 2:9–12
- The world finds the beliefs and practices of God's people exclusivistic and strange.
- We live and function as God's chosen people on the earth, not by personal determination, but by the power of sovereign grace.

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² according to the foreknowledge of God the Father,

- Peter seeks to comfort these suffering followers of Jesus, based not on what God knows about them, but on the God who chose to know them as a Father.
- Some explain foreknowledge (prognosis) by saying that before creation God looked down the corridors of time to see who will have faith in Him when they hear the gospel and chooses those who He knows beforehand will chose Him.

(This makes the all-knowing God less than God because it implies God learns things about people He didn't know.)

- Scripture declares God's control over things we would call random or chance.
 - Proverbs 16:33
- Foreknowledge in this context doesn't mean God knew things about people, like their choices and decisions, but He knew them as His dear children before time.
 - Romans 8:29

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- God knew His people before time and creation.
 - Ephesians 1:3–12
- God the Father knew Jesus before time and creation.
 - 1 Peter 1:20–21
- God graciously gives them the life of regeneration and then He draws them to Jesus.
 - John 6:37
 - John 6:44
- We are confident evangelism will be fruitful because God told us He will save some.
 - John 10:14–16

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in the sanctification of the Spirit,

- It is the work of the Holy Spirit to set people apart unto God.
 - John 6:63
- The Holy Spirit brings conviction to the hearts of men and women.
 - John 16:7–11
- Ultimately we trust the Spirit of God to do the gospel work of God in us and through us.

for obedience to Jesus Christ

- The Holy Spirit's power and presence is essential to produce the desire in sinful people to surrender to Jesus as Lord.
 - Romans 8:7–9
- When suffering or experiencing affliction remember that obeying the Father meant Jesus suffered.
 - 1 Peter 2:20b–21

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and for sprinkling with his blood:

- This word picture calls to mind Moses sprinkling the people of Israel with blood when the Old Covenant was inaugurated (Cf. Exodus 24:3-8).
- Jesus became the sacrifice to end all sacrifices by pouring out His blood for the forgiveness of our sin.
 - 1 Peter 2:24
- *May grace and peace be multiplied to you.*
- In the midst of suffering to make the truth of Jesus known, His followers need an abundance of God's favor and an abundance of God's comfort.
- There is a glorious sense of wellbeing for all those who come to God by grace alone, through faith alone in Christ alone.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- Are you facing trials, affliction or suffering as a follower of Jesus?
- How well are you abiding in the provision, care, and refinement of God?
- Do you try to find comfort from what God knows about you or by what you know about God?



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