

1 Peter 1:1-2 | *It's Grace All The Way*

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¹ Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

To God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, ² who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood:

Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

NOTES

- The author is Peter, originally a fisherman (Mt 4:18) from the town of Bethsaida (Jn 1:44) on the north shore of the Sea of Galilee. Peter became one of the most prominent of Jesus' Twelve Disciples.
- Peter identifies himself as an "apostle" of Jesus Christ: the word basically means "one who is sent out". We may define an apostle as a disciple of Jesus who is specifically called and commissioned by Jesus himself (Lk 6:13; Mk 3:14).
- 1 Peter follows the typical format for a New Testament letter: author, recipient(s), greetings, body of the letter, ending.
- In 1:1, the five Roman provinces named form a large part of Asia Minor (modern Turkey).

QUESTIONS

1. In these opening verses of 1 Peter, what do you find most encouraging? Why?
2. In 1:1, we are reminded that we are only sojourners on this earth - this world is not our true home. Why do you think some Christians struggle to remember this?
3. Read 1:2. Explain in your own words: in the salvation of the believer, what are the roles of the members of the Trinity?

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