

Pilgrim's Progress

1 Peter 1:1-2

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1 Peter 1:1 (NASB95)

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia . . . [modern-day Turkey]

1 Peter 2:11 (NASB95)

Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul.

1 Timothy 6:17 (NASB)

Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy.
Holiness, Perseverance, Hope

Holiness is both negative and positive. To be holy is to be different. **To live a holy life is to turn away from a godless way of thinking and living. Positively, it is pursuing a Jesus-first life.**

Perseverance, another theme in 1 Peter is primarily addressed in the context of suffering. **To persevere is to carry on, or persist and be strong in faith in the face of opposition or suffering.**

Hope is mentioned five times in 1 Peter. **Hope is the confident expectation that God's promises will deliver you no matter what circumstances you are facing.**

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1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen 2 according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure.

If I don't belong to this world, whose am I

We are chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father.

Ephesians 2:4–9 (NASB95)

4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

But we are not just identified as being God's because we are chosen. Peter goes on to say in verse two:

We belong to God “by the sanctifying work of the Spirit.”

And finally, we are set apart or sanctified for a reason:
To obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood.

If God has chosen us, we are His. And if we are His, He sets the agenda! We must pray for the leading of His Holy Spirit in our lives.

We must respond in obedience to the work of God’s Spirit in our hearts. We’ve been chosen for a reason-obedience-not to be saved but because we are.