



Exiles in a Strange Land
1st in the “Elect Exiles” Series
1 Peter 1:1-2 p. 1014
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Introduction

In this passage we are introduced to 1 Peter and how Christians are living as exiles in God’s world.

The Text: 1 Peter 1:1-2

- 1) Setting the context: Peter, the church, and Jesus.

- 2) The Christian must learn to live as an exile in their own land (v. 1).

- 3) The exile of God has an identity in the person and work of our Trinitarian God (v. 2).

- 4) The exile of God serves as a missionary of God’s healing work by being a “faithful presence within” a strange land.
 - a) *“Purity From” (Fortification)*

 - b) *“Defense Against” (Domination)*

 - c) *“Relevance To” (Accommodation)*

 - d) *“Faithful Presence Within” (Incarnation)*

Response

- You are assigned to be the “faithful presence” of God as an “exile in a strange land.”

Sunday Text Questions for 1 Peter 1:1-2

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- 1) Starter Question: What comes to mind when you think of an exile in a strange land?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) Why might Peter describe himself as “an apostle of Jesus Christ” to his readers?
- 4) The term “elect exiles” in v. 1 is significant to the purpose and major themes of the whole letter. What does it mean?
- 5) “Election” is often debated in this way: did God choose us or did we choose God? Which position do you hold, and why? Give biblical warrant for your position.
- 6) How can a Christian be an “exile” in their own home and country?
- 7) Based upon the end of v. 1, Peter sent this letter to churches throughout a large part of the Roman Empire. How are the basic truths and applications of this letter equally applicable in many different places?
- 8) What do the key terms in v. 2 mean: “foreknowledge” of the Father, “sanctification” of the Spirit, and “obedience” to Jesus?
- 9) Why is it significant that v. 2 refers to God as Trinity? How is a Trinitarian understanding of God important not only to doctrine but also life (or practice)?
- 10) How can a person in the wealthiest country in the world, with the biggest military, with spacious land, great medicine, wonderful schools, and a middle to upper-middle-class living experience feel and live like an exile in a strange land?

Further study this week: 2 Corinthians 5:1-10 on longing for our eternal dwelling (Mon); 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 on new creation ambassadors (Tues); John 15:18-27 on exiles among others (Wed); Philippians 3:12-21 on a different citizenship (Thurs); Hebrews 11:1-16 on desiring a better country (Fri).