



Series: Aliens & Sojourners—1 Peter  
Title: Elect Sojourners  
Lesson: 1

Text: 1 Pet. 1:1–2  
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## The Thesis of 1 Peter: 2:11–12

*Beloved, I urge you as **aliens** and **strangers** to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul. <sup>12</sup>Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.*

*Paroikos* [πάροικος] (1:17) –

*Parepidemos* [παρεπίδημος] (1:1) –

**1 Peter examines who we are as ‘aliens & sojourners’ in this world and then how to practically live out that reality.**

## **Four Observations About Peter's Greeting**

### **1. The \_\_\_\_\_**

- Peter, an Apostle of Jesus Christ
- The growth of Peter across the New Testament:
  - The Gospels –
  - Acts –
  - 1 & 2 Peter –

Growth in Christ \_\_\_\_\_ our whole lives.

### **2. The \_\_\_\_\_**

- All provinces in the northern part of Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey)

- They are remarkably \_\_\_\_\_.
- Why is this relevant?
  - No one is too 'insignificant' to pay attention to their \_\_\_\_\_.
  - We should pray and be concerned about the churches others forget about.
  - We are just as precious and valuable to God as anyone else—which also means He \_\_\_\_\_ just as much from us too!

There are NO \_\_\_\_\_ Christians!

### 3. Their \_\_\_\_\_

- Alternate translation of verse 1:

*Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ to the elect  
**sojourners** of the dispersion, of Pontus, Galatia,  
 Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia*

- Who are these 'elect sojourners'?
  - Those whom God foreknew (cf. 1:20)
  - Those sanctified by the Spirit
  - Those sanctified to obey Christ and be sprinkled by His blood
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ is fully Trinitarian: The Father's sovereign election is carried out by the Spirit's application of the Son's saving work.

We were chosen and known before the foundation of the world to be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ so we can live obedient lives during the rest of our stay on earth.

#### 4. The \_\_\_\_\_

- Grace & peace are consistently invoked as blessings in the epistles because they're what we \_\_\_\_\_ most.

- Everyone needs peace \_\_\_\_\_.
- God's \_\_\_\_\_ is the only way to achieve that peace.

We don't just get a little grace and peace in Christ—we get \_\_\_\_\_ of it!

### **What do we do with this text?**

1. Learn from Peter's example:
  - a. We can trust God to grow us into full maturity.
  - b. We aren't 'too insignificant' for God, and we shouldn't treat anyone else that way.
  - c. We should meditate on our place as 'elect sojourners' and look for how God is calling us to live differently in light of it.
  - d. We should thank God that we enjoy His grace and peace and wish them on others.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What 'phases of growth' have you seen in your own walk with Christ? How does it encourage you to look back on them?
2. Which Christians have you been tempted to 'write off' instead of be concerned about (individuals or groups)? What practical steps should you take to fix that?
3. What does it mean to you to be an 'elect sojourner' as a Christian? How does that change the way you see yourself and your life?
4. How is it helpful to identify grace and peace as our greatest needs? How is that different from how the rest of the world views religion, as well as life in general?



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