

Knowing Hope and Holiness in a Hostile World

I Peter 1:1-2

This world is not our home.

We are Pilgrims among pagans.

To Maintain Hope and Holiness in a fallen world, you must know who you are in Christ.

Peter reminds us of who we are in Christ.

How do we live as aliens and strangers, as the people of God in this fallen world?

How can we endure in the midst of fiery trials?

What is our ultimate authority? Our transcendent reference point?

Peter writes as an apostle of Jesus Christ. Sent with God's authority.

To whom does Peter write?

Who are we as Christians in this world? How does Peter refer to Christians?

We are Elect

We are Exiles

We are Dispersed

What is Foreknowledge?

God has fore-chosen, fore-loved, fore-known, pre-planned, pre-purposed His people.

Isaiah 46:9

What is 'the sanctification of the Spirit?'

For Obedience to Jesus Christ and Sprinkling with His blood

We are chosen to obey, to submit, to walk in submission to our Father. (Exodus 24:3-8)

Grace and Peace, Multiplied

God's unmerited favor, embraced, leads to peace, multiplied peace.

You are aliens, strangers – it is supposed to be difficult.

You are scattered to be a witness to the grace of God – so, live for Christ right where you are. And grace and peace will be multiplied to you as you trust in Jesus Christ.