



## Chapter 1

**Verse 1-** *Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who reside as strangers, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen*

*Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ-* The apostle Peter is the author of this letter. These verses are a normal prescript so the recipients will know the author.

*scattered- (Diasporas)-* Jews running for their lives because of the persecution of Nero. They are exiles because of their faith.

*Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen* - Christians in modern Turkey who fled Rome.





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Three prepositional (direction, location, time) phrases:

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- by the sanctifying work of the Spirit
- to obey Jesus Christ

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*foreknowledge of God the Father-* God created time but is not bound by what He creates (He has no past or future). Humanly speaking, He knows our future (*prognōsin- pro (before) + gnosin (to know)* which is not the future to Him.

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*sanctifying work of the Spirit-* Has to do with our presently being saved as the Holy Spirit is making us more like the Savior.

- I was saved at a point in time- justification
- I am being saved- sanctification
- I will be ultimately saved- glorification

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*to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood-* Peter's audience would immediately understand this from the OT.

- the cleansing of a leper (Lev 14:6–7)
- the sprinkling of priests in ordination (Exod 29:21)
- the sprinkling of the blood when the covenant with Moses was inaugurated (Exod 24:3–8)
- High priest sprinkling blood on the mercy seat (the lid of the ark of the covenant in the holy of holies (Leviticus 16:14-15))



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*May grace and peace be multiplied to you-* Grace is what God gives to us, and in turn, peace is what results in our lives.

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This is the beginning of one long sentence in the original text down to verse 12. This sentence can be divided into three parts:

- 3-5     The inheritance and salvation that belongs to believers.
- 6-9     The inheritance should give us joy while we are suffering.
- 10-12   They are living in days of fulfilled prophecy about Christ.



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*Blessed be... (eulogētos) eu- good + logos- words*

Peter likes to begin by blessing God (2 Cor 1:3, Eph 1:3.), and here he is praising Him for giving us new birth.

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*born again-*

John 3:3- *Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is **born again**, he cannot see the kingdom of God."*

John 3:7- *Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be **born again**.'*



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Luke 24:21,25- but *we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel*. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place.

*He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken!"*

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**Verse 4-** *to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,*

*inheritance-* Usually an inheritance is based upon someone's death (Hebrews 9:16–17), but this inheritance is based upon eternal life.

*imperishable-* Our inheritance is imperishable because the One giving it to us is also imperishable (Rom 1:23; 1 Tim 1:17).

*undefiled-* It can never be spoiled, corrupted, or polluted. It remains free from any blemish and is pure (compare Rev. 21:27).



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**Verse 4-** *to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,*

*unfading-* Earthly inheritances are subject to constant variation and change. Not only is our salvation kept safe by God, but it is kept in heaven for us.

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**Verse 5-** *who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

*a salvation-* As mentioned before, salvation is our inheritance, which most people think about in terms of the past and present. Here, Peter reminds his readers that there is a future sense to our salvation.



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