

I Peter: Introduction

Chapter I:I-2

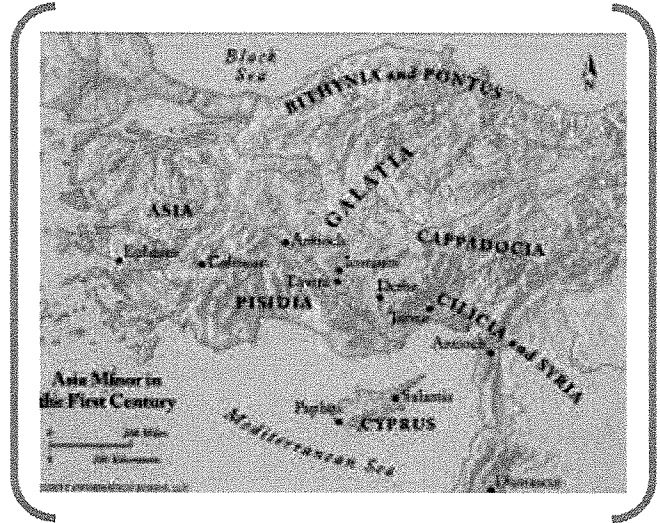
INTRO: The letters that Peter wrote are called the Petrine Epistles. They were written by the Apostle Peter in the mid 60s of the First Century under the Emperor Nero (Summer of AD 64-Summer of 66, about 2 years). Peter wrote to encourage believers, reminding them who, and Whose, they were. First Peter is one of the most theological books of the New Testament in a strictly theological sense, with the name God occurring approximately once in every 40+ words. Peter begins with a reference to the Holy Trinity and continues with references to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit throughout the letter.

I. Authorship & Address

- A. Peter, an Apostle of Jesus Christ,
- B. To the chosen ones who reside as aliens
Scattered through Asia Minor

II. Who Are Chosen

- A. According to the foreknowledge of God
The Father
- B. By the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit
- C. To: Obey Jesus Christ (and be)
Sprinkled with His blood



III. Following Jesus Christ is a Two Way street

- A. We are chosen by God according to His Foreknowledge. Election of the believer is established from the foundation of the earth before its creation:
 - 9 "And the Lord said to Paul in the night by a vision, "Do not be afraid any longer, but go on speaking and do not be silent; 10 for I am with you, and no man will attack you in order to harm you, for I have many people in this city."(Act 18:9-10 NAU)
 - 29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; 30 and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified. (Rom 8:29-30 NAU)
- B. We must respond to the Gospel and receive Jesus Christ as Lord & Savior:
 - 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, (Joh 1:12 NAU)
 - 6 Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, 7 having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude (Col 2:6-7 NAU)

IV. By the Sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit: To set apart & make holy

- 1. **To Obey Jesus Christ & be Sprinkled with His Blood:** Obedience to Christ is effected by the work of the Holy Spirit in sanctification; cleansing from all sin and made holy in Christ is effected by His blood