



I Peter

Exiles of Eternity

1 Peter 1:1-2 Study Guide

1. The following study guide is designed to assist in your personal preparation for the pulpit expositional study of 1 Peter. The questions and assignments have been purposely kept brief and to the point. This first study guide places emphasis upon grasping an overview of the entire epistle and noting the keys to 1 Peter in the opening two verses.
 2. Read 1 Peter in its entirety, preferably at one sitting. Write down your impressions. What words are frequently repeated? Can you identify a theme that seems to run throughout the book? Take special note of Peter's references to suffering. You may want to start a personal study of suffering in 1 Peter. This will move your enthusiasm for this wonderful New Testament epistle to a new level.
 3. Relate the book of 1 Peter to Peter's own life (I am thankful to my teacher Frank Sells, who is now with the Lord, for the following line of questions.).
 4. By comparing John 21:18, 19 and 2 Peter 1:14 with the entire book of 1 Peter, show how Christ's prophecy of Peter's death sheds light upon the book of 1 Peter.
- Show how Christ's words to Peter in Luke 22:31, 32 shed light upon the entire book of 1 Peter.
 - Show in detail how the thrilling story of the Lord Jesus and Peter on the stormy sea sheds light upon the book of 1 Peter.
3. Peter addresses his letter to those who are "aliens" scatter throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia. Through the use of a Bible atlas locate these areas. How would the fact of having been "chosen" be an encouragement to the recipients of Peter's letter?
 4. Peter goes on to remind the elect ones (residing as aliens) of three magnificent theological realities (1:2). They are in harmony with the foreknowledge of God the Father. They are elect in connection with sanctification of the Spirit. They are elect toward the purpose of obedience and sprinkling of Christ's blood. What is being emphasized by these truths about their conversion? Connect this with the socially marginalized condition of these believers. There is an important Scriptural principle bound up in all this.