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**“Elect Exiles”**

*1 Pet. 1:1-2*

**Hope for Suffering Pilgrims**

I. God transforms our lives and gives us a new purpose and mission.

*“Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ...”*

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**Eph. 5:8**, *“At one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.”*

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**Col. 1:21-22**, *“And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him.”*

II. God preserves and protects our lives and gives us a new identity and family.

*“To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion...”*

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***They “...acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.” (Heb. 11:13b-16)***

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III. God redeems our lives and gives us a new nature and power.

*The Trinity's Work in Our Salvation*

***“...elect...according to the foreknowledge of God the Father...”***

***“...The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the LORD loves you...”***  
***(Deut. 7:6-8)***

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***“...in the sanctification of the Spirit...”***

***“...for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with His blood.”***

**Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do.”...**

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Then [Moses] took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.” And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.” (Ex. 24:3-8)

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*For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.*

(Titus 2:11-14)

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**The timeliness of this letter!**

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