

"Aliens"

1 Peter 1:1,2

Part 1

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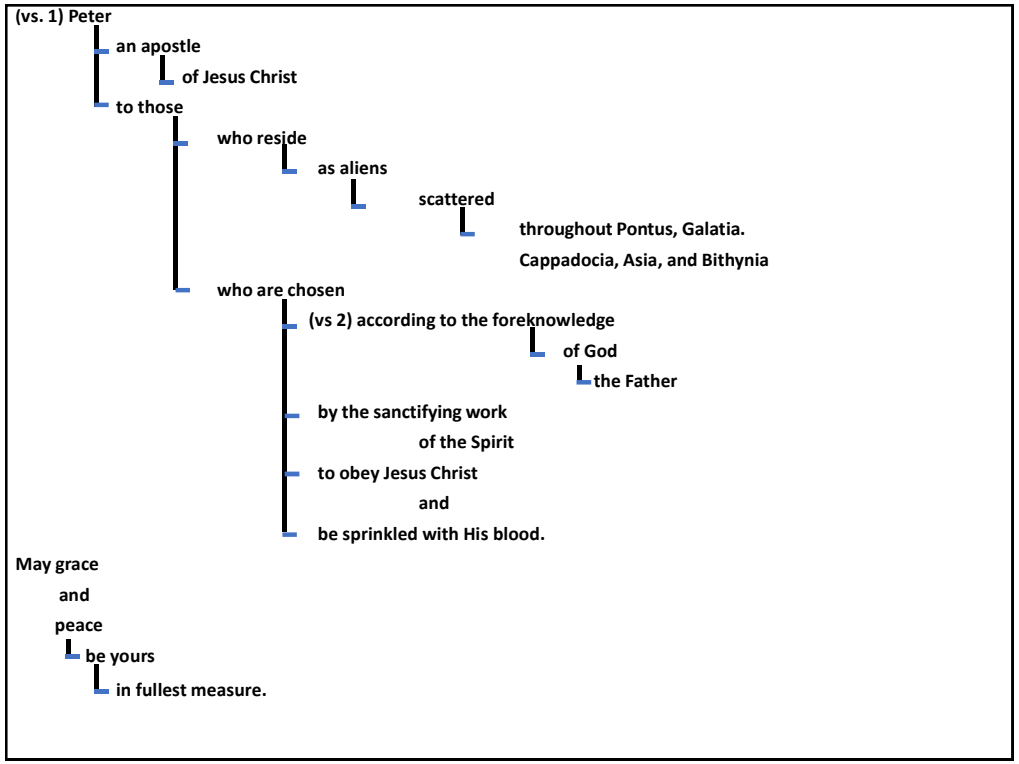
2 Tim 2:15
15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a **workman** who does not need to be ashamed, **accurately handling** the word of truth.

1 Peter 1:1-2

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen

2 according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure.



Key Words in 1 Peter

Salvation - 1 Pet 1:5 1 Pet 1:9 1 Pet 1:10 1 Pet 2:2 1 Pet 3:21 1 Pet 4:18

Suffering (16x out of 94 uses in the entire Bible!) - 1 Pet. 1:11; 1 Pet. 2:19; 1 Pet. 2:20; 1 Pet. 2:21; 1 Pet. 2:23; 1 Pet. 3:14; 1 Pet. 3:17; 1 Pet. 4:1; 1 Pet. 4:13; 1 Pet. 4:15; 1 Pet. 4:16; 1 Pet. 4:19; 1 Pet. 5:1; 1 Pet. 5:9; 1 Pet. 5:10; 2 Pet. 2:13; Rev. 2:10

Trial - 1 Pet 1:6

Fire/fiery - 1 Pet 1:7, 1 Pet 4:12

Hope - 1 Pet 1:3 1 Pet 1:13 1 Pet 1:21 1 Pet 3:15

Revelation/reveal - 1 Pet 1:5 1 Pet 1:7 1 Pet 1:12 1 Pet 1:13 1 Pet 4:13 1 Pet 5:1

Glory - 1 Pet 1:7 1 Pet 1:8 1 Pet 1:21 1 Pet 1:24 1 Pet 4:11 1 Pet 4:13 1 Pet 4:14 1 Pet 5:1 1 Pet 5:4 1 Pet 5:10

Joy - 1 Pet 1:6 1 Pet 1:8 1 Pet 2:4 1 Pet 2:7 1 Pet 4:13

Grace - 1 Pet 1:2 1 Pet 1:10 1 Pet 1:13 1 Pet 3:7 1 Pet 4:10 1 Pet 5:5 1 Pet 5:10 1 Pet 5:12

Submission/subject - 1 Pet 2:13 1 Pet 2:18 1 Pet 3:1 1 Pet 3:22 1 Pet 3:5 1 Pet 5:5

Called (effectual calling) - 1 Pet 1:15 1 Pet 2:9 1 Pet 2:21 1 Pet 3:9 1 Pet 5:10

Holy - 1 Pet 1:12 1 Pet 1:15 1 Pet 1:16 1 Pet 2:5 1 Pet 2:9 1 Pet 3:5

Holy Spirit/Spirit - 1 Pet 1:2 1 Pet 1:11 1 Pet 1:12 1 Pet 2:5 1 Pet 3:4 1 Pet 3:8 1 Pet 3:18 1 Pet 3:19 1 Pet 4:6 1 Pet 4:14

Precious - 1 Pet 1:7 1 Pet 1:19 1 Pet 2:4 1 Pet 2:6 1 Pet 2:7 1 Pet 3:4

Imperishable/perishable - 1 Pet 1:4 1 Pet 1:7 1 Pet 1:18 1 Pet 1:23 1 Pet 3:4

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Date: Around 64 A.D.

Place: Rome

Purpose: To give hope and encouragement to believers as persecution was increasing.

"Peter" - Πέτρος **Petros** (pet'-ros) - rock. Cephas – rock.

Simon – one who listens.

1 Cor 9:5

5 Do we not have a right to take along a believing wife, even as the rest of the apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas?

Luke 4:38

38 Then He got up and left the synagogue, and entered Simon's home. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Him to help her.

Peter

- Peter's name is mentioned in the gospels more than anyone except the name of Jesus.
- No one speaks in the gospels as often as Peter did, and Jesus spoke more to Peter than to any other individual.
- Jesus rebuked Peter more than any other disciple.
- Peter was the only disciple who dared to rebuke Jesus.
- Peter confessed Jesus more boldly and accurately than any other disciple.
- Peter denied Jesus more forcefully and publicly than any other disciple.
- Jesus praised Peter more than any other disciple.
- Jesus addressed Peter as Satan, alone among the disciples.

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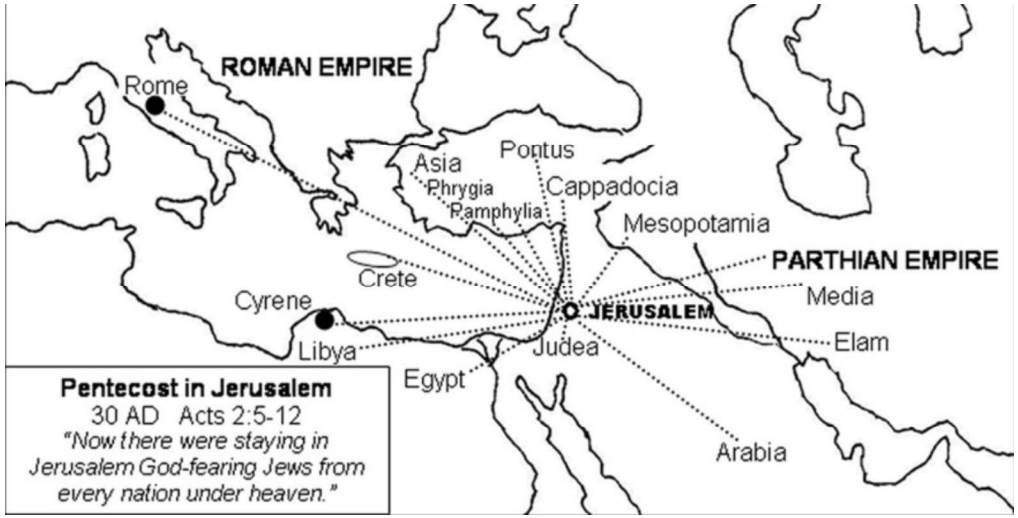
- **"apostle"** – one sent by.
- **Note:** Jesus Christ is the sender even after the 3 denials.
- **aliens" -** παρεπίδεμος **parepidemos** (par-ep-id'-ay-mos) **-** an alien, foreigner, pilgrim, stranger.
- Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia –places where the gospel had gone after Pentecost.

James 1:1

1 James, a bond-servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,

To the twelve tribes who are dispersed abroad: Greetings.





"Aliens"

5 characteristics of "aliens" -

1. They belong to another world or country.

Phil 3:20

20 For our citizenship is in heaven

2 Cor 5:20

20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ,

2. Their present surroundings are different from their home.

1 John 2:16

16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

3. They are in a strange land to accomplish a mission.

2 Cor 5:18

18 Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation,

4. *They live a life apart from the influences of the world around then.*

Rom 12:2

2 And do not be conformed to this world,

1 John 2:15

15 Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

5. *Their eager desire is to return home.*

Phil 3:20

20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;

- **Abraham** was an alien in the land of Canaan;
- **Joseph** was an alien in the palace of Pharaoh;
- **Moses** was an alien in the land of Egypt;
- **Daniel** was an alien in the court of Babylon;
- **Lot** stopped being an alien and became a resident.

Gen 13:12-13

12 Lot settled in the cities of the valley, and moved his tents as far as Sodom.

13 Now the men of Sodom were wicked exceedingly and sinners against the Lord.

- **Demas** stopped being an alien and became a resident.

2 Tim 4:10

10 for Demas, having loved this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica;

"Our first and primary citizenship is in heaven, not the United States. Our first and primary constitution is the Bible not the U.S. Constitution, our first and primary King and Commander in Chief is Jesus Christ and not the President, and the dominant cravings of our heart are not for the treasures and tributes of the world but for the kingdom of God."

- John Piper

"Because we are elect, we are residing as aliens. That is to say, we are strangers. We are foreigners. We are an alien race. We are temporarily living in the earth, but we are citizens of heaven. We are a society within a society. We are a supernatural culture within earthly culture. We are governed by God. We are governed by God through his Word. We are indwelt by the Holy Spirit. We have convictions, and beliefs, and ideas, and creeds, and ethics, and habits, and emotions, and life standards, and principles, and thoughts, and pursuits, and pleasures that are totally alien to the world. We don't fit in. We are completely distinct. We do not love the world, John tells us in 1 John. We are not preoccupied with the world, James says, so that we could be called friends of the world. We are enemies of the world."

- John MacArthur

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"chosen" - ἐκλεκτός **eklektos** (ek-lek-tos') **-** to choose, to elect.

- If God did not choose us, we never would have chosen Him.
- Why not? Because we were <u>dead</u> in sin.

Eph 2:1,2,4,5

1 And you were **dead** in your trespasses and sins,

2 in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.

4 **But God,** being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, **made us alive** together with Christ (**by grace you have been saved**),

Rom 5:6

6 For while we were still **helpless**, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

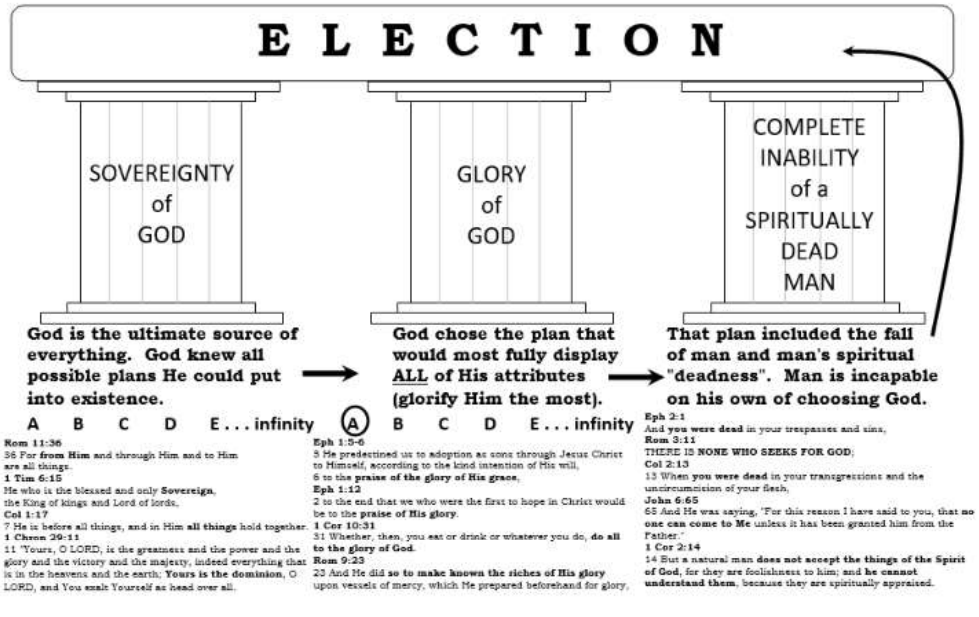
"dead" - νεκρός **nekros** (nek-ros') **-** a corpse, dead

1. Total/Absolute – there are no degrees of being "dead."
2. It is airtight.
3. It means total inability.

Implications:

1. Man has no spiritual, living nature to incline him to do anything for the glory of God by relying on his power to do so.
2. Man is therefore dead to righteousness, dead to holiness, dead to obedience and dead to faith.
3. Whatever thoughts man thinks, or whatever feelings man feels, or whatever deeds man does, they were not the thoughts, feelings, and deeds that were of the Spirit but of the flesh.
4. Therefore, nothing man thinks, feels, and does is spiritual because man is spiritually dead.
5. In this state of death, man is utterly unable to respond to any spiritual stimulus and therefore is unable to love God, obey God, please God, or do any good in any way that would merit salvation.
6. If you leave any hope for fallen man accomplishing anything spiritually, having any ability, regardless how small, to be able to contribute anything to his salvation, you are rejecting what the Bible says about man's total inability.

<u>THE 3 PILLARS OF ELECTION</u>



Matt 22:14

"For many are called, but few are chosen."

John 15:16

16 "You did not choose Me but I chose you,

2 Thess 2:13

13 But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation . . .

Eph 1:4

4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him.

Col 3:12

12 So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience;

1 Thess 1:4

4 knowing, brethren beloved by God, His choice of you;

2 Peter 1:10

10 Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you;

2 Tim 2:10

10 For this reason I endure all things for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus and with it eternal glory.

Application

1. Are you an alien or are you a resident of this world?

2. What is your strategy to avoid being influenced by this world?

3. Does the fact that God has chosen you personally for salvation, have a profound impact on your life?

God Chose -

Angels - 1 Tim. 5:21

1Tim. 5:21 I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of **His chosen angels**, to maintain these principles without bias, doing nothing in a spirit of partiality.

Abraham - Neh. 9:7

Israel - Ez. 20:5; Ps. 132:13

Isaac - Gen. 21:12

Jacob - Rom. 9:8-15

Zurubbabel - Haggai 2:23

Jesus Christ - Is. 42:1; I Pet. 2:6

Disciples - John 15:16

Paul - Gal. 1:15

*In reality <u>everything</u> God does He has elected to do.