“Grace and Peace” Pt.II

1 Peter 1:1-2

Review: Peter writes as the Lord’s ___________ depending upon the authority of the name of ________________.

A. A literal word for word in the original word order translation of 1 Peter 1:1-2 would read like this: “Rock, apostle Jesus Christ elect ________________ Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia according foreknowledge God Father through sanctification Spirit unto obedience and sprinkling blood of Jesus Christ Grace you and peace multiplied.”

B. The original readers are identified early in the first verse as “strangers” who were “scattered” throughout Asia Minor.

1. The word “elect” comes from the Greek “eklektos” which means “choose” or “______________.” Spiros Zodhiates writes, “... the elect are those ________________ of God unto salvation and who therefore enjoy His favor and lead a holy life in communion with Him. They are also called saints (Rom. 1:7; 15:31); Christians (Acts 11:26; 26:28; 1_Pet. 4:16). The word is used to differentiate those who believe in Christ from those who do not. They are Christians ________________ chose them from among the lost world to become His followers.”

2. In addressing them as “strangers” or “______________,” Peter reminds them that this temporal earthly existence is just that, ________________. Thus he turns them from the temporal to the ________________!

3. Peter addresses all the believers who were “scattered” or “______________” throughout the regions.

I. In verse 2 we find the cause, means, purpose and result of for the believer’s life.

A. The ________________ of God’s plan for our lives is the ________________ of God.

1. The Nelson’s Bible Dictionary says of foreknowledge: “God’s foreknowledge is much more than foresight. God does not know future events and human actions because He foresees them; He knows them because ________________ them to happen (Job 14:5; Ps 139:15-16). Thus God’s foreknowledge is an act of His will (Is. 41:4; Rev. 1:8, 17; 21:6).”

2. Norman Hillyer in the New International Biblical Commentary writes, “The divine choice of believers is according to the foreknowledge of God the Father. This includes far more than a divine capacity to foretell the future. It implies ________________ intention all along, and his ________________ to bring his ________________ ________________ to pass (Acts 2:23; Rom. 8:29).
3. The believer can ______ that they are elect unto salvation, strangers in this world, and scattered where ever they are ________ to the foreknowledge of _______ their Heavenly Father.

B. The _______ by which God carries out His plan for our lives is the _______ of God.

1. It is by the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit that we are unto God being separated from sin and _______ strangers in this world.

2. In the sanctifying work of the Spirit we again find _______ of our salvation no matter the external circumstance, no matter if we be strangers and scattered for our election is made _______ by the Spirit for it is as Ephesians 1:13 & 14 says, we are _______ in Christ with the Holy Spirit of promise who is given us as a pledge of our _______.

C. The _______ for God’s plan for our lives is that we would “Jesus Christ ...”

1. Romans 8:28-29a, “And we know that _______ all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. 29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become _______ to the image of His Son, ...”

2. The purpose of the plan of God for which we are “elect strangers” who are “scattered” according to the foreknowledge of God the Father is that we would “obey Jesus Christ _______ be _______ with His blood ...”

3. Peter writes in 2:18-19, “... you were not _______ with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, 19 but _______ precious _______, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of _______.”

4. Again, this _______ us of our _______ for we been sprinkled with the blood of Christ according to the foreknowledge of God.

D. The result of God’s plan for our lives is that we would _______ His _______ and _______ in the fullest measure.

1. Peter wants the believer to _______ the peace that is theirs by the _______ of God. Even though we might be persecuted strangers who are scattered about, we have tasted God’s good grace in being the elect and come what may, there is a _______ that _______ all understanding.

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