



# Elect Exiles

## Part 1

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### Introduction

This book was written by the Apostle Peter, the one who denied Christ three times and the same one that preached the powerful message on Pentecost.

It was written about 30 years after the death of Christ.

It was written to show those who are enduring suffering and persecution that not only is God with them now, but that they will finally see the end-times salvation they long for when Christ returns.

It was written mainly to Gentiles.

When we suffer, we can do two things: look back and see the suffering of Christ and how God worked through that for our good and His glory, and look forward to the time when Christ shall return and we will finally forever be with our Savior in the most true and pure way.

1 Peter 1:1

Matthew 16:13-20

Matthew 16:21-23

Peter inspires me because he is not perfect.

When I read 1st Peter, I read how the Holy Spirit has worked through someone who has had very visible failures, blunders, and mistakes. And yet, the words of 1st Peter are some of the most encouraging words one can read in the midst of struggles and trials.

1 Peter 1:2

All of this matters. Your life matters. Your words matter. Your actions matter. And they matter because you are the elect of God - chosen by <sup>Elect Exiles</sup> Him for His glory and for His purpose.

1 Peter 1:3-5

Ephesians 2:1-5

1 Corinthians 15:12-19

But we aren't just born again to wander through this life helpless, lonely, and dejected. We are born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, but also to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for us.

1 Peter 1:6-9

In the midst of trials, trust the purpose and process of God - for He knows what He is doing, and He is doing what He knows is best for us, even if it hurts on this side of being able to understand it.

Hebrews 11:1

1 Peter 1:10-12

But could you imagine prophesying about the suffering of Christ and the subsequent glories but not being able to know when or who Christ would be? It had to take great faith to do so, but it also took a great God to do so! And so rest assured that this same God has you, will protect you, and will help you!

## Conclusion

So live. Live with purpose. Live with passion. And live with privilege, knowing that no matter what this world holds - for the good or the bad - that it is still a privilege to be counted a child of God. It is a privilege to have tasted salvation. It is a privilege to be indwelt by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.