



## "Sojourners Headed for Another Home"

1 Peter 1:1-5  
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**The Big Idea:** Peter was a man who knew what it was to **fail** and not keep his commitments. He teaches us that God chooses us, not on the basis of our performance, but by His **mercy**. Salvation is the work of a Triune God – Father, Son & Spirit. God promises He will **guard** our salvation and complete it one day in heaven.

### 1 Peter 1:1–5 (ESV)

**1** Peter, an **apostle** of Jesus Christ,  
To those who are **elect exiles** of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

**2** according to the **foreknowledge** of God the Father,  
in the **sanctification** of the Spirit,  
for **obedience** to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood:

May **grace** and **peace** be multiplied to you.

**3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has **caused us to be born again** to a **living hope** through the **resurrection** of Jesus Christ from the dead,

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"apostle" → a **messenger** who is sent; authoritative leaders of the early Church.

"elect"  
"exiles"  
"of the Dispersion"

"foreknowledge"

"sanctification"

"for obedience"

"and for sprinkling with His blood"

"grace and peace" → a common greeting, but so much more than that! For people who are being persecuted for their faith and are suffering, they need these gifts from God!

Were it not for the Father's "mercy", we are lost! Out of mercy, the Father **initiates** salvation – He "caused us" to be born again → we can't make this happen and apart from God, wouldn't even **desire** it!

"living hope"  
"through the resurrection"

**4** to an inheritance that is **imperishable, undefiled, and unfading**,

**kept** in heaven for you,

**5** who by God's power are **being guarded through faith**

for a **salvation ready to be revealed in the last time**.

We're born again to **gifts** we didn't deserve and couldn't buy ...

"imperishable"

"undefiled"

"unfading"

"kept" →

You (the "Elect") are also being guarded "through faith" → doesn't mean your salvation & eternal security are kept purely on the basis of your faith. Faith can sometimes be **weak** and can **waver**.

"God's power" – **dynamite** - guards our inheritance – it was "faith" in what God provided, what He did, is doing and will do, that opened up God's Gift to His chosen ones.

### Lessons for Sojourners Headed for Home:

- Christians pass through this world on our way to our permanent, eternal home with God in Heaven. While on this earth ...
  - We must always remember that we **represent** the King.
  - The King sent us into the world with a **message** we are responsible for delivering – the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
  - We don't take on the customs, **values**, world-view, beliefs and **behavior** of those around us – those whose citizenship is in earth not heaven.
- We have one God who reveals Himself and works as 3 persons – Father, Son, and Spirit. Each uniquely works in your Salvation.
  - The Father – in mercy He **chooses** us
  - The Spirit – sanctifies, **transforms**, shapes, grows us
  - The Son – as He was obedient to His Father, we learn **obedience** to Him
- No matter how hard life is, no matter the challenges of staying faithful, God's promise is that He is working in your life and He will guard and keep the salvation He provided.
- It is in obedience, holiness, and the telling of God's story that we give **evidence** of having been "born again."
- God gives and wants us live in "**grace**" and "**peace**" and for that to be increasingly the soil in which we live and grow.