

INTRODUCTION:

1. Overview: This lesson introduces us to the man Peter, to his readers, and to the purpose for writing this book.
2. Last week's theme: God desires that we come back from spiritual failure in our lives.

THE _____ AND _____ OF WRITING (5:13)

1. Peter wrote his first epistle from _____ (1 Pet. 5:13)
"She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you her greetings."

An interpretive challenge:

- A. The _____ city named Babylon on the Euphrates.
 - B. A _____ reference to _____ as "Babylon".
2. Peter probably wrote this epistle sometime around A.D. 64.
Just before or soon after the Great Fire of Rome (July 19-27, A.D. 64).
 3. Two persons are mentioned along with Peter in 1 Pet. 5:12 and 13.
 - A. **Silas** (GK: Silvanus)
"Silas may have been the bearer of the letter to its destination. He may also have been a scribe who recorded what Peter dictated or who aided, as an informed and intelligent secretary, in the phrasing of Peter's thoughts."
 - B. **Mark** (John Mark who wrote the Gospel of Mark)

PETER'S _____ (1:1, 2)

1. The _____ Position (1:1)
"Scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, Bithynia." (GK: **διασπορά** = technical term for Jews who lived outside of Palestine).
2. Their _____ Position (1:1, 2)

“Chosen” . . .

- according to the foreknowledge of God the Father,
= the Father's electing love (Eph. 1:4)
- through the sanctifying work of the Spirit,
= the work of the Spirit in convicting the sinner and bringing him or her to faith in Christ. See 2 Thess. 2:13-14.
- for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by His blood.
= the substitutionary death of Jesus, the Lamb of God.

In the mind of God there is an assured goal (cp. Romans 8:28-30).

“**Strangers in the world**” (1:17; 2:11). Compare Patriarchs (Heb. 11). Jesus made this relationship between believers and the world in His high priestly prayer recording in John 17.

PETER'S PURPOSE (1:7)

What is the purpose for Peter's letter as found in this verse?

THE _____ OF FIRST PETER

1. _____
This theme runs throughout the letter (1:6; 2:12-25; 3:13-18a; 4:1-7a; 4:12-19; 5:6-11; 5:12).
2. _____ (First Peter is an Eschatological Book).
3. _____ (see 1:5, 7, 13; 4:12-13; 5:1)
4. Grace
 - A. What is Grace?
 - 1) _____ / _____ favor.
 - 2) Grace is _____ (Divine Enablement).
 - B. God's Grace is _____ (Heb. 4:14-16)

SUMMARY: What are the resources available for suffering Christians?

1. Future glory. This is our “living hope” (1:3)
2. Divine enablement (grace).