

## 1 Peter

1:1-2) How does Peter identify himself?

What else do we know about Peter's life after Jesus' ascension?

Why might he emphasize the good news that we are "Elect...Chosen according to the foreknowledge of God"?

How does the reference to being "elect, temporary residents in the world" fit given Peter's personality and all that God accomplished through him? How does the knowledge that we are pilgrims impact our daily lives

Why are Peter's reader's scattered (diaspora)? (See also "Babylon" in 1 Peter 5:13)

See a map to identify: Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, Bithynia (in modern Turkey). This seems to be "Paul's territory." Why would Peter be intervening here? (Compare these verses to Eph 1:1-3)

"SPRINKLED with the BLOOD of Jesus" – How does that relate to being "obedient"?

1:3-12) Again, compare the beginning of Ephesians (1:3-14).

In the NIV verse 3 begins "Praise be to..." while the EHV and others begin "Blessed be". This is not the same word that is translated "Blessed" in Matthew 5:3-10 and elsewhere. What confusion might come from using the same English word in both places? How are the meanings clearly different in context?

Again look at the "New birth" which is our first reason for praising God's "great mercy". How is this reflected in Ephesians 2:1-5?

What words does he then use to describe the "Hope" our new birth brings?

"Faith" is also described how?

Verse 8 is the only one that really talks about something that we can/should/will do in response to God's action for us. What is that and how does it work? (1 Corinthians 13:13)

How do the prophets and even the angels respond to these things we have received?

Note that as Christians we know what was prophecies about the Christ? How does that relate to what we expect in our own lives?

How do these gifts, and the trials Peter's readers experienced relate to the "end of time" (verse 5)