

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PETER

TO THE CHURCH OF THE DISPERSION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

1 PETER CHAPTER 1:1-2

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“ANCHORED TO THE ONE TRUE GOD” – PART 3

The Ministry of The Grace of God Toward All Those Who Are Anchored in Christ.

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1 Peter 1:1-2 NKJV

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To the **pilgrims** of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, **2 elect** according to the **foreknowledge** of God the Father, in **sanctification** of the Spirit, for **obedience** and **sprinkling** of the blood of Jesus Christ: **Grace** to you and **peace** be multiplied.

About This Epistle.

“What would be the comfort given to a troubled saint?”

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I cannot help but believe, that those dear Saints must have had the promises of God to get them through...

Were they meditating on Romans 8?

Romans 8:35

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

My mind goes to that beach on the Libyan coast.

Thankfully – we know exactly what was on their minds

<http://therightscoop.com/horrible-photos-reveal-isis-marched-21-copticchristians-to-beach-beheaded-them-all/>

<http://jimdalysfocusonthefamily.com/what-the-media-isnt-reporting-onisis-beheading-of-21-christian-men/>

Because it was on their lips as Islam's ISIS warriors

recorded their beheading and then posted it on the Internet - - - but ISIS did us all a great favor because the cameraman failed to mute the microphone as they beheading began - - and caught on camera was the words of each of our brothers as they praised Jesus and quoted scripture as they we're silenced by the blade – the blade that silenced them in this world was the same blade that sent to them to shouts and praises of the heavenly host.

They may have departed this sad world, but they instantly entered into His happy world.

Sami Yacoub, a Christian, reporting on the martyrdom said:

“All of these young men were Christians and in their early to mid-20s. They went to Libya in search of work to help feed their families living under the poverty line in Egypt. In the days and weeks leading up to their deaths, their ISIS captors tortured them and attempted to persuade them to deny Jesus Christ in return for their lives. They all refused to deny Christ and so they all died on that beach and as they did, they sang songs to Jesus and prayed out loud in His name. These men were not mere victims. They are “more than conquerors” according to Romans 8:37 whose ultimate sacrifice is a powerful testimony to their faith in Jesus. The Gospel message of salvation rises out of this suffering and persecution. As the Middle East was the birthplace of Christianity, the torch of revival that once burned bright for Christ can once again be lit by the sparks created by ISIS. We've seen God use persecution to bring people to Him before, and we pray it happens again.”

CBN News Middle East Bureau

Romans 8:37-39

:37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. **38** For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, **39** nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Anchored To The One True God

2.) We are anchored to His infinite love

vs. 2

2a.) A love that is determined

vs. 2a

to **elect** according to the foreknowledge of God

2b.) A love that is preceding

vs. 2b

(according to) the **foreknowledge** of God

2c.) A love that is relentless

vs. 2c

in **sanctification** of the **Holy Spirit**,

**“How does God’s eternal plan by “Election”
become relevant to our lives?”**

**By what the Father has ordained in eternity, The Holy Spirit does in our
daily lives. It can only be so by the work of the Holy Spirit through
“Sanctification” which is currently underway, right now in your life.**

we have been *chosen* for **sanctification**

Sanctification grk: hagas’mos; = is the repurposing of something that
has been for a common use and reappointing it for a
unique use. to take away from to place in another. To
take the profane and to make sacred.

Greek Scholar Kenneth Wuest

“The whole structure of what Peter is saying is in the “Locative Sphere,” meaning
that God the Father chose the sinner out from among mankind to be the recipient
of the setting-apart work of the Holy Spirit, in which the Spirit’s work sets the
sinner apart from his unbelief to the act of faith in Jesus Christ. The conclusion
being, that the believing sinner is then plunged into the finished work of Christ, His
blood being as it were, a pool from which the believing sinner is resurrected, now
being covered with the blood of Jesus.”

There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins;
and sinners, **plunged beneath that flood**, lose all their guilty stains:

“The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
and there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away:
and there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away.”

Again Wuest affirms:

“The Greek language so used here in the authorship of this epistle makes this an
undeniable fact, that it is the Holy Spirit’s ministry to do the sanctifying work
in the life of the believer.”

**Just as Jesus was to the 12 then, So now
the Holy Spirit is He to us.**

John 16:5a-7

“But now I go away (back) to Him who sent Me, 6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. 7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

John 14:15-18 KJV

If ye love me, keep my commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. :18 I will not leave you orphaned; **I will come to you!**

The word implies a “cooperation” with the Divine:

(#1) It's that God has given us the opportunity and the power to be sanctified by His work. (#2) it's that we are to cooperate by yielding to the will of God as the Holy Spirit directs our lives.

The #1 of this, looks like this:

It is by the power of the Holy Spirit who is constantly molding and shaping you and I for what God has in-store for our lives. He does this by the Word of God – the Bible.

The #2 of this, looks like this:

It is our desire to cooperate with the Holy Spirit by gladly allowing Him access to every area of our lives and this happens as we settle the Word of God in our lives.

It is only by “sanctification” that we can obey God and be free.

Philippians 2:13

For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

John 17 ‘I have sanctified them by thy word’

Mark these verses on sanctification

It means that our present day wandering in this worldly-wilderness, this Diaspora of ours, is where God is working in us His sanctifying work.”

John 15:1-2

“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. **2** Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. **17** For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, **18** while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

James 1:2-4

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, **3** knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. **4** But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

In the work of sanctification - God holds on to what He loves most

Jude 1:24

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

Anchored To His Infinite Love

2d.) A love that is secure

vs. 2d

Elect according to the foreknowledge of **God the Father**, in sanctification of the **Holy Spirit**, for **OBEDIENCE** and sprinkling of the **blood of Jesus Christ**:

Did you catch the obvious in verse 2?

Here again is the Doctrine of the Biblical Trinity.

That the God of the Bible is a “Tri-Unity” God.

The Christian is a “Monotheist” meaning - we worship “One God.”

This “One God” manifests Himself in Three Persons.

1/3

We've already learned about the will of the Father in election.

1 Peter 1:2b

Elect according to the **foreknowledge** of God the **Father**

2/3

the work of our Sanctification is appointed to the Holy Spirit

1 Peter 1:2b

in sanctification of the Holy Spirit,

3/3

On the merits of Christ's Atonement.

1 Peter 1:2c

for **obedience** and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ:

we have been *chosen / elected* for **obedience**.

obedience

grk: **hupakoe**. To listen to with the intent to do what is heard. To heed what is being said. The **hearing and doing** of a disciple, a follower, an apprentice.

Acts 6:7

Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were **OBEDIENT to the faith**.

It's important here to point out that this is no pagan spirituality that plagues our new-age western culture that we are called to, No.

This is the spirituality that has awakened us and has been originated by God the Father, empowered by God the Holy Spirit and it's all based upon, rooted in, made available and brought to us by the blood of God Himself - Jesus Christ.

The Greatest Evidence of Faith in God is Obedience to God.
Love is an active verb and Obedience is the action of those held by Love.
Thus, to obey is to willingly "live out" one's love for the other.

John 14:15

If you love Me, keep My commandments.

1 Samuel 15:22

But Samuel replied, "What is more **pleasing** to the Lord: your burnt offerings and sacrifices or your **obedience** to his voice? **Listen! Obedience** is better than sacrifice, and **submission** is better than offering the fat of rams.

This is most remarkable

((((((Yet any true child of God will recognize it well.)))))

Behind the "Foreknowledge" and through the "Sanctifying" work is the reason, the purpose – it is that we should obey Jesus Christ.

"It is not duty that drives us to obey.
It is not obligation that makes us obey.
It is that God has opened our eyes to see Jesus –
it is our love for Him that compels us."

General Thomas Gage

Commander of the British Forces in North America

"I have fought her battles and so to my England I retire.
If ever she may need me, if ever she call, I can do nothing else but to obey.

2 Corinthians 5:14a

For the love of Christ compels (grips, holds, hangs on to) us,

1 Peter 1:2d

for obedience and **sprinkling** of the **blood** of Jesus Christ:

we have been *chosen* for **sprinkling**

This "sprinkling of the blood" is referring to the ministry of the priesthood.

Behind the word is the meaning of: **Acceptance and Entrance**
(**Acceptance by God & Entrance to God**)

3 times in the Old Testament

the Scriptures mention the blood of (a life slain) is sprinkled.

(In Exodus 29)

On the day that Aaron and the priests were ordained they were sprinkled with the blood of the sacrifice.

(In Exodus 24)

On the day that God made His covenant with the nation of Israel,

all the people and the altar were sprinkled with the blood of the sacrifice.

(In Leviticus 14)

**On the day that a leper was cleansed he was
sprinkled with the blood of the sacrifice.**

**And 3 times in the New Testament there are
impressions of the blood of (a life slain) sprinkling.**

Peter, being a Jew must have that in mind.

(In John 19)

**On the day that Jesus Christ was crucified,
He purchased our salvation with His own blood.**

(In 1 Peter 1)

**On the day that Jesus Christ rose from the dead, He then would have
appeared in heaven with His own blood to guarantee your salvation**

(In Colossians 2)

**On the day that you put your trust in Jesus Christ,
He cleansed you from all your sins by the application of His own blood.**

**“I wanna be accepted. I wanna be forgiven. I wanna live forever.”
Well my friend – you’re gonna need a priest for all that.**

**There can be no election, there can be no sanctification,
there can be no obedience – unless there was first a plan of redemption.**

**There had to be a priest who possessed
the means by which He could make salvation all possible!**

Hebrews 9:19-21

For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water, scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, 20 saying, “This is the blood of the covenant which God has commanded you.” 21 Then likewise he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry.

Hebrews 9:11-13

But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. 12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. 13 For if the

blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, 14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

“This is referring to the work of the Holy Spirit in the preaching activity by which the readers were converted. To declare that the readers are the elect is to mean that they belong to the holy people of God, that is, not that they are more pious or that they are morally superior to others, but that they have been called to form a distinctive community with a singular mission. To be called “holy” means that we, like Israel, have been set apart for a special purpose in God’s saving plan.”

M. Eugene Boring

**(1st) Election for salvation was by the Father in eternity,
(2nd) The work of salvation is through the Holy Spirit by sanctification,
and (3rd) all of it was paid for by the blood of God’s only Son, Jesus Christ.**

**So then, God the Father chooses the sinner,
God the Holy Spirit draws the sinner & God the Son cleanses the sinner.**

Anchored To His Infinite Love

2e.) A love that is expanding

vs. 2e

Grace to you and peace be multiplied.

**The word usage here is eye-opening to us.
The picture / implication is that of an expanding universe.**

Multiplied

grk: pleth’uno: our word **plethora means to increase by many; ever increasing like layering up. To be of the fullest in measure(m) (1), increase(2), increased(1), increasing(1), multiplied(4), multiply(1), surely multiply(1).**

Grace & Peace

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The earnable, unmerited Grace of God Creates the unearthly, heavenly Peace of God.

Grace **grk: charis**; divine kindness, appointed favor, to gift

Peace **grk: eirene**; to place comfort in and upon, to possess peace on the inside of one's being. Comfort of heart and mind.

Until we know and appropriate His grace, we cannot experience His peace. "Shalom" was / is the typical Jewish greeting, but never in connection with "Peace".

Only Jesus can Bring you Peace by His Grace.

End of Study

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