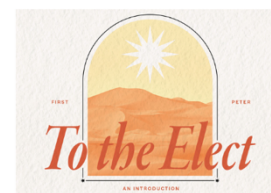




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1 Peter 1:1-2 | Ready to Go Home: How Living Like an Exile Changes Everything

1. Determined _____ (1:2a)

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3. Actualized _____ (1:2c)

Discussion Questions

Community Groups meet throughout the week and play a crucial role in our response to the preaching of the word. These groups gather to discuss the following questions as we seek to apply the sermon in community with one another. Please visit compassntx.org to join a small group near you.

1. Read **1 Peter 1:1** and **Philippians 3:20**. If you were to give an honest assessment, do you feel like you've been living more as a vacationing Christian or an exiled Christian? How are you tempted by this world to forget that we are exiles? How can we embrace more of an exile's mentality living in an area where it is so easy to be comfortable and content?

2. Read **1 Peter 1:2** and **Romans 8:28-29**. How does the passage in Romans help us understand what foreknowledge means? How does the notion that God determined your identity before you were born by setting His affection on you encourage you and comfort you as you consider what it means to live as an exile (c.f. **Rom 8:38-39**)?

3. Read **1 Peter 1:2**, **John 3:5-6**, and **Ephesians 2:1-5**. We must believe the gospel to be saved and the Spirit must regenerate us to be saved. What comes first? Faith or regeneration? Or, to put it another way, what comes first, our faith or the Spirit's work? How might the metaphor Paul uses in Ephesians 2:1-5 inform your answer?

4. Read **1 Peter 1:2** and **Romans 1:5**. What is the first act of obedience a person truly renders to God according to Romans 1:5? How much faith does a person need to be saved? In light of this, how would you respond to the person who might argue that the doctrine of election renders evangelism unnecessary (c.f. **Rom 10:13-15**)?

5. What would you say to the soul who struggles to feel sure that they are a part of God's elect? Where would you begin? What encouragements might a verse like **1 Peter 1:2** provide for them considering all we have studied about it this week?

Recommended Reading

- *The Difficult Doctrine of the Love of God* - D.A. Carson
- *Finally Alive* - John Piper
- *Saved without a Doubt* - John MacArthur
- *Chosen by God* - R.C. Sproul