

Handpicked to be Homeless

I Peter 1:1,2

I Peter: written by Peter w/Silvanus' help (?) 5:12 around the time Nero began persecuting Christians in the summer of AD 64. He probably wrote while in Rome (5:13 "Babylon"). Key vs: 4:12,13

Salvation brings HOLINESS	Submission brings HARMONY	Suffering brings HONOR
<i>Christ redeemed you</i> 1:18	<i>Christ suffered for you</i> 2:21	<i>Christ died for sins</i> 3:28
1:1-2:10	2:11-3:12	3:13-5:14
We Can Cope Because Of Hope		

How Christians are described . . . (1:1a)

- * Why *aliens*? (strangers, sojourners, exiles, homeless)
- * Our home isn't here, Heb. 11:13-16, Phil.3:20. Also see 2:11.

How we got this way . . . (1b-2)

- *We were chosen (2:9, 5:13).
 - Like Israel in OT, Dt. 7:9, Isa. 44:2, Ps.105:6
 - Peter also frequently uses *called*, 1:15, 2:9,21, 3:9, 5:10

- *We were foreknown

- God intimately knew us / planned it out, Jer. 1:5, Rom. 8:29,30
- Foreknowledge of Christ's work, 1:20, Acts 2:23

- *We were set apart (*sanctified*)

- Often this refers to daily life as in I Thess 4:3, but here = set apart for justification as in 2 Thess. 2:13, I Cor. 1:2, 6:11.
- We are *set apart to obey Christ and be sprinkled with His blood.*
Obedying Christ as in *obeying truth* in 1:22 = initial faith response.
See also Acts 6:7, Rom. 1:5,16:26. Blood sprinkling (Ex. 24:3-8)

God's gracious choice is supposed to be encouraging not . . .