

1 Peter Series

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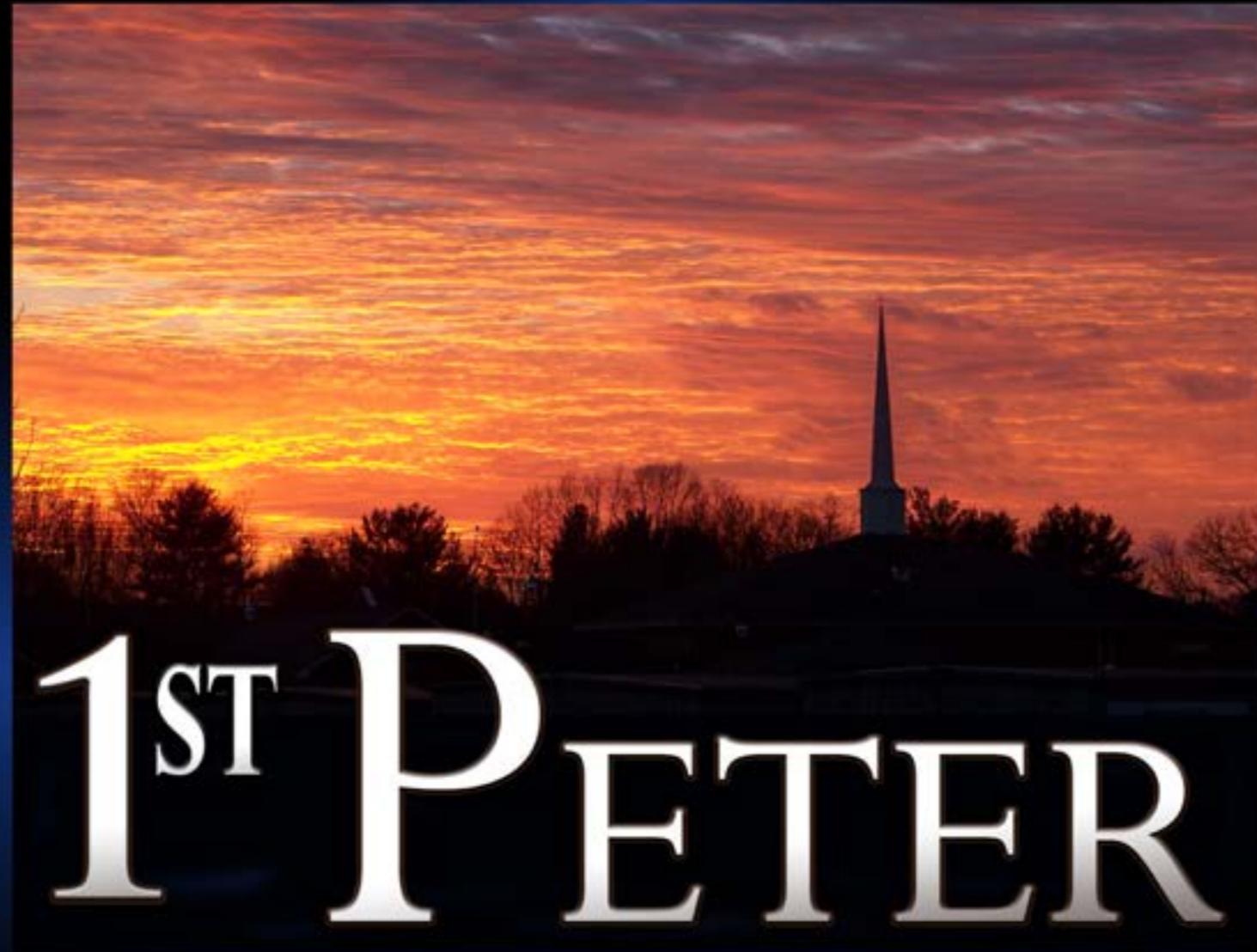
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GOD'S SELECT...

1 PETER 1:1



**LIVING IN LIGHT
OF ETERNITY**

1 Pet. 1:1, “Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,”

1 Pet. 1:2, “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.”

elect

according to the
foreknowledge of God the
Father [the standard]

in sanctification of the Spirit
[the means]

for obedience and sprinkling
of the blood of Jesus Christ
[the purpose]

1. Greek words

ἐκλέγομαι *eklegomai* pick out for oneself, choose (out); choose out a person or thing from a sizeable number. 20×

ἐκλεκτός *eklektos* elect, chosen. 22×

ἐκλογή *eklogē* picking out, election, selection. 7×

English word meanings

elect – appointed, designated, determined.

choice (OED) – something of very good quality, excellent, the best, special, valuable.

select v. – carefully choose as being the best or most suitable,

adj. carefully chosen from a larger number as being the best.

2. Old Testament usage

Rom. 9:11, “(for the children not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of Him who calls),”

**Isa. 41:8, “But you, Israel, are My servant,
Jacob whom I have chosen, The
descendants of Abraham My friend.**

**Isa. 41:9, “You whom I have taken from the
ends of the earth, And called from its
farthest regions, And said to you, ‘You are
My servant, I have chosen you and have
not cast you away:’ ”**

Isa. 42:1, “Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles.”

בְּחִיר *bachir* **chosen, choice, select, most
excellent one**

“On the one hand God chooses a people (Ps. 135:4), certain tribes (78:68), specific individuals (1 Kings 8:16; 1 Chron. 28:5; 1 Sam. 10:24; 2 Sam. 6:21), and a place for his name (Deut. 12:5; etc.). In all of these cases serviceability rather than simple arbitrariness is at the heart of the choosing. Thus Yahweh chose Israel to be holy and thereby to serve as his witness among the nations (14:2). But her election is not based on her own greatness but on the greatness of the Lord’s love (7:7f.).”

~TWOT

Judg. 20:16, “Among all this people were seven hundred choice men who were left-handed; every one could sling a stone at a hair’s breadth and not miss.”

“choice almonds”
sheqadim mobecharim



3. The importance of corporate identity in relation to Israel and the Church.

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Luke 6:13, “And when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself; and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles:”

John 15:16, “You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.”

Luke 9:35, “Then a voice came out of the cloud, saying, ‘This is My Son, My Chosen One; listen to Him!’ ”

1 Pet. 2:4, “And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God,

1 Pet. 2:5, “you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1 Pet. 2:6, “For this is contained in Scripture: ‘BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A CHOICE STONE, A PRECIOUS CORNER stone, AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED.’ ”

Matt. 22:14, “For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Isa. 61:10, “I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.”

Matt. 21:43, “Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation [to people] bearing the fruits of it.”