



Encouragement from being Chosen

(1 Peter 1:1-2)

Introduction

- Theme: Encouraged by our living hope (1 Peter)
- Continuation of *“Faith, Tradition, & Culture Series”*
- What Hackers do not like
- Steve Shaner’s story



Chosen as God's Elect

- Chosen as the scattered, dispersed ones all over Asia Minor
- Status of God's elect (Romans 8:31-35)
- Jesus' pronouncement = many are called, but few are chosen (Mt. 20:16; 22:14)
- Put on a heart of compassion (Colossians 3:12)
- I have chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth (Deuteronomy 7:6)



Chosen as Exiles

- Exiles, strangers, pilgrims, sojourners—vocabulary of the General Epistles
- “Chosen” and “exiles” normally do not go together
- Notice where they are scattered: all over Asia Minor, Turkey, etc.
- 1 Peter 2:11—appeal for life of purity



Chosen as God's Foreknown

- Will and foreknowledge of God—
- Chosen before = foreknowledge in 1:20
- Does not eliminate human free will and choice
- Highlights God's careful planning
- God planned out our being chosen (in Christ)
- Acts 2:23



Chosen through the Sanctifying Work of the Spirit

- In/by sanctification of the Spirit
- Being “set apart” for God’s purpose is the work of the Holy Spirit
- This is how we are chosen, as we respond to the call of God
- **Romans 6:17-23** the result and process of sanctification



Chosen for Obedience & Grace

- **1 Peter 2:4—Jesus is God’s Chosen, rejected**
- **Both obedience and “sprinkling of the blood” are identified as the purposes for which we have been chosen!**
 - **Obedience—attitude, behavior, lifestyle**
 - **“Sprinkling of the blood”—ongoing, day to day experience of God’s wonderful grace!**



Conclusion

- **Encouraged by being Chosen**
 - **Chosen as God's Elect**
 - **Chosen as Exiles**
 - **Chosen as God's Foreknown**
 - **Chosen through Sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit**
 - **Chosen for Obedience and Grace**

