

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

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"Chosen of God Part" II

I Peter 1:1-2

Theme of epistle: Proper Response to Suffering

The recipients of this epistle are defined by their relationship to the world and then by their relationship to the Lord.

RELATIONSHIP TO THE WORLD

The recipients of this letter are identified as aliens

When we become Christians we become citizen's of heaven (Phil. 3:20) and aliens upon earth (I Peter 1:1).

Our focus will therefore change from where we are to where we are going (Heb. 13:14).

RELATIONSHIP TO THE LORD

The recipients of this letter are identified as the chosen of God (God's elect, NIV)

Election is that eternal act of God, whereby He, in His sovereign good pleasure, and on account of no foreseen merit in them, chooses a certain number of men to be the recipients of special grace and of eternal salvation .

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The elements of election

1. The essence of election is God's sovereign choice (Eph. 1:3-5, II Thess. 2:13)