

Series: 1 Peter - Words That Matter

Passage 1 Peter 1:1-2

Title: Election & Sanctification

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Discussion Starter

What overall purpose do you think Peter had for selecting these specific words of election and sanctification? What were some the contextual circumstances the people faced of whom he first directs this letter?

Election & Sanctification (1 Peter 1:1-2)

- Why does Peter refer to the believers as pilgrims? What is the implication and how does this apply to Christians today?
- What is the contextual meaning of the word Dispersion used by Peter and how does it relate to these pilgrims? Discuss why you think that this dispersion was either a positive or negative thing.
- How would you define the meaning of the word election to someone who has never read the bible? Read Romans 8:28-30 and Ephesians 1:4-5. Discuss what further insights these verse add in our understanding of election.
- When and for what for what purpose did God establish election? What is the meaning of the calling mentioned in Romans 8:30? How does this relate to our salvation? Read Ezekiel 33:11-12, Romans 10:9-10 and John 5:39-40. Discuss the insights these passages reveal to us.
- How are you experiencing the three benefits that results from election "Comfort for our Souls, Praise to God for His grace and Sharing the Gospel"?
- Sanctification is a partnership with God to be more like Jesus. How does this differ from election? How does this work in a practical sense in our day to day lives? Read 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 and Romans 8:9-17. What are some of the significant things you see mentioned in these verses as it pertains to our sanctification?
- What were the four distinguishing aspects of the sanctification process mentioned in the sermon? How do we participate in each of the four aspects mentioned?
- Even though the bible does not contain the word Trinity, where do we see this being displayed in 1 Peter? Which person of the Triune God is associated with our sanctification and why?
- What does Peter mean when he says "for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ"?