

Message Notes

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Stand Firm: A Study in First Peter

Introduction (1 Peter 1:1-2)

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Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God's elect, strangers in the world, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by His blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance. 1 Peter 1:1-2 (NIV)

■ First Peter...Fast Facts:

- *Written by Simon Barjonas: (Cephas, Simon Peter, Peter)
- *Written in early A.D. 60's, most likely A.D. _____
- *Written from "Babylon" (likely a designation for _____).
- *Written with numerous purposes in mind, but ultimately, to encourage us to _____ in the faith.
- *Written to Christians, mostly Gentiles, in an area that is today Northern _____.

Exposition of Verses 1:1-2

- First things first: Peter is an apostle of Jesus Christ. The letter bears the authority of an apostle. Therefore, the authority of Christ.
(Mk. 3:14; 1 Cor. 12:28; 2 Cor. 12:12; Eph. 2:20)
- You are _____ by God.
*our lives are rooted in God's eternal plan. (Ps. 33:12; Eph. 1:11)
- The Trinity has been at work in your salvation.
 - *God the Father chooses us. (Jer. 1:5; Jn. 6:37; 2 Thes. 2:13)
 - *God the Son redeems us. (Rom. 8:3; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Thes. 5:19)
 - *God the Spirit renews us. (Jn. 3:5; 16:12-15; 2 Thes. 2:13)

Why This Study in 1 Peter?

1. It's pertinent for today. It's OK to be counter cultural.
 - *Develop a balanced life.
 - *Prepare for adversity.
2. Teaches us to take _____ in our standing with God.
3. Encourages us to _____ in the TRUE grace of God.
 - *Grace that motivates us to forge ahead. To overcome life's obstacles, and to hope in a secure future.