

Who Are You?

1 Peter 1:1-2
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¹ Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God's elect, strangers in the world, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, ² 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.

Who's who

- **Who is Peter?** An apostle of Jesus Christ.
- **Who are you?** Elect exiles, chosen, set apart, obedient and cleansed
- **Who is God?** Father, Son, Spirit

Pentecost listeners

Residents of... Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia... we hear [Galileans] declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” ...Then Peter addressed the crowd. (Acts 2:9-12)

Hearing the gospel

Peter's readers: some spiritual children converted on Pentecost; many spiritual grandchildren by converts' preaching.

... the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. (1 Peter 1:12)



Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia

Who are you?

- Elect pilgrims in exile
- Chosen and predestined by Father
- Set apart by the Holy Spirit
- Obedient to Jesus (by accepting the gospel) and sprinkled by his blood
- Overflowing with grace and peace

Who were you?

- Evil desires ... ignorance (1:14)
- Empty way of life (1:18)
- All men are like grass (1:24)
- Called out of darkness (2:9)
- Not a people, no mercy (2:10)
- Sheep going astray (2:25)
- Following urges, idolatry (4:3)

Who are you?

- Redeemed (1:18)
- Reborn (1:3, 18)
- Free (2:16)
- In his steps (2:21)
- Healed (2:24)
- Beautiful (3:4)
- Heirs (3:7)
- Stewards (4:10)
- Spirit of glory (4:14)
- God's family (4:17)
- God's flock (5:2)
- Royalty (5:4)
- Partakers of divine nature (2 Peter 1:4)

Royal priesthood

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. (2:9-10)

Exile attitudes

Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper... For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. (Jeremiah 29:7, 11)

Elect exiles are different

- Different from who you were
- Different from world's norms
- Different by God's decision

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