

I Peter 1:1,2 Strangers in a Strange Land

I. SCATTERED (dispersed) throughout the Roman Empire (Acts 8:1)

II. EXILES/ _____ cf. 2:11; 4:4; Heb. 11:13,16

The picture here is that heaven is our native country and we are only temporary sojourners here on earth.

III. _____

A. Whom did He choose? I Thess. 1:4,5 – “we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that He has chosen you, because our Gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction.”

Joel 2:32 - everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord will be saved

John 3:16 - that whosoever believeth

Acts 2:21 - whosoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved

II Peter 3:9 - not willing that any should perish, but that all would come to repentance

Rev. 3:20 – I stand at the door and knock if anyone opens the door I will come in

(Further reading: “Elect in the Son” by Robert Shank)

B. For what are we chosen?

Eph. 1:4 - He chose us in Him...to be holy and blameless in His sight.

Rom. 8:29 - we were predestined (chosen) to be conformed to the image of His Son

IV. SANCTIFIED (I Thess 4 playlist – “Sanctification? What’s that?” Aug. 14, 2022)

It has 2 meanings:

1) to set apart for a specific sacred _____

2) to make _____ – becoming more and more in character and conduct what God wants us to be.

Gal. 5:22,23 - But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

V. GRACE (I Thess playlist 2022 sermons: Jan. 30 – Grace will lead me home; Feb. 6, Still in one peace)

You can’t truly experience lasting peace without first experiencing _____.

I Peter 5:10 says, “Now the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will personally restore, establish, strengthen, and support you after you have suffered a little.”

A. God Will _____ - repair

B. God Will Establish – to make stable

C. God Will Strengthen – to make strong

D. God Will _____ – HE’S the foundation

VI. _____

A. Focus on God’s presence - Isa. 26:3 (KJV) - thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee, because He trusts in Thee.

"Safety is not the absence of danger but the presence of God."

B. Trust God’s _____ Phil. 4:6,7 - “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”

1) Don’t _____ about anything

Worry is over what you can’t do anything about.

2) _____ about everything

3) And then, peace!

