



# Study 1

## 1:1-12

Have you ever been surprised - not necessarily in a scary way, but in a good way? (a surprise party, gift...)

How does Peter describe those to whom he is writing?

<b>Description from verses 1-2</b>	<b>What does it mean?</b>
Elect Exiles (strangers, sojourners) in the world	(See also Gen 15:12-16, 17:8 Pil 3:20)
Of the dispersion (scattered)...	(John 7:35)
According to the foreknowledge of God	(Rom 8:29; 11:2; note also 1 Peter 1:20-21 & John 10:14)
Sanctifying work of Holy Spirit	(Sanctify is from the same base word as holy, meaning set apart, dedicate, consecrate' – For a person or people sanctification can mean a status received (eg. Heb 10:10) or a process pursued (eg. 12:14))
for obedience to Jesus Christ	
And sprinkling by his blood	(Lev 16 espv.19; 1 John 1:7)

Which descriptors do you identify with?

What kind of things do you think Peter will talk about given his description of the people he is writing to?

### Read 1 Peter 1:3-12

What do the Christians have now? Where is it? How is it received? V.3-5

Peter speaks of trials in v.6 What do you make of 'may'?

Why have they come? V.7

What is being received?

In view of verse 6, why do you think encouragement is needed?

What has happened in order for this salvation to come?

Who was involved in your salvation (both in your lifetime and as described in verses 10-12)	What did they do?

What kind of trials are you facing if any? How does this passage help?

What trials are you aware of that other believers are facing?

What does this tell you about God's power to save others?

What can you and they be thankful for in Christ?

Prayer:

Pray for those believers scattered in the world. Especially for those who have been driven from their homes elsewhere.

Prayer for your global partners