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## From an earthly viewpoint:

- a. As **Strangers / Aliens** – “Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers”
- b. Who are **Scattered** throughout the world - scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia

# Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia





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## From an Earthly viewpoint:

- **Strangers & Scattered**

## From a Heavenly viewpoint:

1. **Chosen** - Elect (Chosen) according to the foreknowledge of God the Father
2. **Changed** - through sanctification of the Spirit
3. **Committed** - unto obedience
4. **Cleansed** - and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ

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**From a Heavenly viewpoint:**

**1. Chosen** - Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father

- God's purpose in election - Ephesians 1:4: "he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him."

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## From a Heavenly viewpoint:

- 1. Chosen** - Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father
  - God's method of election - Romans 8:29-30: "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, ... Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified."



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## From a Heavenly viewpoint:

**1. Chosen** - Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father

- **Election is Corporate** – a group of believers:  
Ephesians 5:25:

“he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.”

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## From a Heavenly viewpoint:

- 1. Chosen** - Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father
  - **Election is Conditional** – for each believer: Colossians 1:21-22: ““to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight: If you continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which you have heard ....”

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**From a Heavenly viewpoint:**

**1. Chosen**

**2. Changed** - “through sanctification of the Spirit,”

- **Sanctification** – the work of God by the Holy Spirit working in us to change us into the likeness of the Son of God by means of the Word of God.

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## From a Heavenly viewpoint:

**1. Chosen**

**2. Changed**

**3. Committed - “unto obedience”**

- Obedience to God and His Word is the proof of a covenant relationship with God (I Jn. 2:3-4).
- Obedience to God and His Word is an expression of love for God (Jn. 14:15,21,23-24; 15:9-10)

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**From a Heavenly viewpoint: (Chosen, Changed, Committed)**

## **4. Cleansed - “sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ”**

- Continued cleansing is conditioned upon continued obedience (I Jn. 1:7)
- Jesus’ blood is the cleansing agent (Rev. 1:5; 7:14; Acts. 20:28; Heb. 9:12-14; 10:29)

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**The result of being chosen, changed, committed, and cleansed, is that we are now:**

**Spiritually enabled and empowered** - Grace unto you

**Secure in our relationship with God** - and peace, be multiplied

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**Spiritually enabled and empowered** - “Grace unto you”

- In Scripture, Grace is twofold:
  - 1. Eph. 2:4-5** - Grace is the outreaching of God’s mercy and love toward undeserving sinners
  - 2. I Cor. 15:10** - producing in them the desire and power to do God’s will (cf. Phil. 2:13; Tit. 2:11)
- A warning: grace can be resisted! (Gal. 2:21)

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**Secure in our relationship with God** - and peace, be multiplied

- Rom. 5:1 - peace is the by-product of God's by- grace-through-faith salvation.
  - <sup>KJV</sup> **Romans 5:1** Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:
- Peace is the cessation of warfare between God and us producing a harmonious relationship of love (Rom. 5:5).



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## **From a Heavenly viewpoint:**

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**As a result, Christians are:**

- Spiritually enabled and empowered
- Secure in their relationship with God

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