

Sanctified By the Spirit (1 Peter 1:2)

- Peter begins with the doctrine of election to comfort persecuted believers
- vv1-2 shows salvation by the Trinity, through God's glorious electing love
- Last Sunday: **I. Chosen by the Father**- continue to **II. Sanctified by the Spirit**
- As persecuted believers, they are elect exiles scattered throughout the Diaspora
- They are despised & hated by the world but they are God's chosen possession
- There are five aspects of election that Peter highlights, deal with only four now

a. Nature of Our Election

- Elect exiles whom God chose sovereignly by His divine will, free sovereign grace
- The Father predetermined to set His love on a certain people out of all the world

b. Condition of Our Election

- The elect of God were residing as exiles, strangers, aliens- heaven was their home
- We are a society within a society. A supernatural culture within a culture
- Governed by God through His Word indwelt by the Holy Spirit. God's worldview
- We do not fit in the world, we are hated by the world and we do not love the world
- We are not just chosen to exist but to be ambassadors for Christ 2 Cor 5:20
- The eyes of our heart are to be fixed on heaven but we are to witness to the earth

c. The Source of Our Election

- Source of God's electing love is according to the foreknowledge of God the Father
- God's choice of his people was based purely on God's predetermined plan
- We were foreknown the same way Christ was foreknown before the world began
- **Acts 2:23** God's foreknowledge is inextricably linked to His predetermined plan

II. The Sanctifying Work of the Spirit (vs. 2b)

- Under this second heading, the work of the second Person of the Trinity we note

d. The Sphere of Our Election

- Peter addresses how election now works itself out and manifests itself in our life
- Being elect and being saved are two different things, can be elect and not saved
- The reality of our election comes to us through the sanctifying work of the Spirit
- Peter is talking about salvation as he speaks of the sanctifying work of the Spirit
- The Holy Spirit makes us holy, that is separates us, hallows us, consecrates us
- The Holy Spirit regenerates us: 1 Pet 2:9,10; Titus 3:5; 1 Thes 1:4,5; 2 Thes 2:13