



#1 Called to Live Like Jesus in The Land of Exile Our Temporary Home 1 Peter 1:1-5 (ESV)

1 Peter 1:1-5 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, ² according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you. ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

To Whom Is Peter Addressing His Letter?

1. **ELECT EXILES OF THE DISPERSION**

Who are the **ELECT** and what does it mean?

1 Peter 1:1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect...

Ephesians 1:4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

1 Thessalonians 1:4 For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you,

Romans 9:6-8, 14-16, 18 But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷ and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." ⁸ This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring...¹⁴ What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! ¹⁵For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." ¹⁶So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy..¹⁸ So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills.

What Does **EXILES OF THE DISPERSION** Refer To?

1 Peter 1:1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

Hebrew 11:13 These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.

How Should We As Exiles Live In This World?

1. Realize this world is not **OUR HOME**.

1 John 2:15-17 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶For all that is in the world--the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life--is not from the Father but is

from the world. ¹⁷And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

Hebrew 11:14-16 For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

2. Live as the **AMBASSADOR** you are.

2 Corinthians 5:17-20 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us.

3. Live longing for **HOME**.

Hebrews 11:8-10 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.

2 Peter 3:11-12 Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn!

How Does Peter Encourage Us As We Live? What Is Our Hope?

1. He **BLESSES AND PRAISES GOD**.

1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

2. He describes our **ETERNAL INHERITANCE**.

1 Peter 1:4 to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,

a. Our true home is **IMPERISHABLE**

b. Our true home is **UNDEFILED**

c. Our true home is **UNFADING**

3. He assures us our new home is **GUARDED WELL**.

1 Peter 1:5 who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

**JESUS IS PREPARING A HOME FOR HIS CHILDREN.
ARE YOU LIVING FOR THAT DAY?**