

## Chosen for a Purpose

### Study in 1 Peter

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<sup>1</sup>Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, <sup>2</sup>elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: 1 Peter 1:1-2

#### WE ARE CHOSEN FOR A PURPOSE

(1 Peter 1:1, 2 *elect pilgrims*) (Eph. 1:3-6)

**1. The Father's Choice Declared** John 15:16 – *I have chosen you ... (Eph 1:4 – He chose us ....)*

#### 2. The Father's Path Stated

vs. 2 - In accordance with the foreknowledge of God the Father (*Vine's*)

A predetermined path – John 14:6 – *I am the way (Eph. 1:4 – He chose us in Him...)*

**3. The Father's Method Presented** *in Sanctification of the Spirit* (vs. 2)

##### a. The Basis of Sanctification

##### 1) Sanctified by the Blood of Christ

<sup>5</sup>Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: 'Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But a body You have prepared for Me. <sup>6</sup>In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure.' <sup>7</sup>Then I said, 'Behold, I have come— In the volume of the book it is written of Me— 'To do Your will, O God.' <sup>8</sup>Previously saying, 'Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and offerings for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure in them' (which are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup>then He said, "Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God." He takes away the first that He may establish the second. <sup>10</sup>By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. Heb 10:5-10

Therefore, Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered outside the gate. Heb. 13:12

##### 2) Sanctified by the Word of God - John 17:12-19

<sup>12</sup>Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>15</sup>I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but

that You should keep them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.

The Word is both the basis and the process of sanctification...

##### b. The Process of Sanctification

##### 1) Sanctified by faith in Christ

Romans 10:17...*faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

Acts 27:17-18 <sup>17</sup>I will deliver you from the Jewish people, as well as from the Gentiles, to whom I now send you, <sup>18</sup>to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.

##### 2) Sanctified by the Spirit – Romans 15:16

*That I might be a minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.*

##### 3) Sanctified by the Blood of Jesus Christ – Heb. 13:12

*Therefore, Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people by His own blood, suffered outside the gate.*

**4. The Father's Purpose Revealed** vs. 2 – *unto obedience and sprinkling...*

##### a. The Direction – *unto obedience...* "unto" – for the purpose of

God's purpose in sanctification is that we obey Him by manifesting Christ through our bodies – dying to self and living for Him.

<sup>6</sup>For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. <sup>8</sup>We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed—<sup>10</sup>always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. <sup>11</sup>For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup>So then death is working in us, but life in you. 2 Cor. 4:6-12 (See also Gal. 2:20; Rom. 15:18; 16:19)

b. The Application – unto ... sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ

- 1) Old Testament principle regarding purifying an object (declared and recognized as being set apart to God)

*<sup>11</sup>But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. <sup>12</sup>Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup>For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, <sup>14</sup>how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? Heb. 9:11-14*

- 2) New Testament principle regarding purifying the believer (declared and recognized as blameless)

*<sup>5</sup>This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup>But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:5-9*

*confess - to agree with, or consent to the desires of another.*

*<sup>14</sup>...by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified. <sup>15</sup>But the Holy Spirit also witnesses to us; for after He had said before, <sup>16</sup>“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them,” <sup>17</sup>then He adds, “Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.” <sup>18</sup>Now where there is remission of these, there is no longer an offering for sin. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, <sup>21</sup>and having a High Priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Hebrews 10:14-22*

A sincere heart  
Complete understanding/ full assurance/ confirmation of faith  
A clear conscience

**Summary**

As believers, we need to follow the path of the Lord Jesus Christ, obediently and with a clear conscience, as a testimony to God and others.