

1 Peter Series

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CHOICE: FOUNDATION, MEANS, PURPOSE

1 PETER 1:1-2



1ST PETER

LIVING IN LIGHT
OF ETERNITY

**1 Pet. 1:1, “Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,
To the pilgrims of the Dispersion in
Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and
Bithynia,**

**1 Pet. 1:2, “elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in
sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience
and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus
Christ: Grace to you and peace be
multiplied.”**

elect

according to the
foreknowledge of God the
Father [the standard]

in sanctification of the Spirit
[the means]

for obedience and sprinkling
of the blood of Jesus Christ
[the purpose]

1. Greek words

ἐκλέγομαι *eklegomai*, pick out for oneself, choose (out); choose out a person or thing from a sizeable number. 20×

ἐκλεκτός *eklektos* elect, chosen. 22×

ἐκλογή *eklogē*, picking out, election, selection. 7×

English Word Meanings

elect – appointed, designated, determined

**choice – OED – something of very good
quality, excellent, the best, special,
valuable**

**select – v. carefully choose as being the
best or most suitable,
adj. carefully chosen from a larger number
as being the best**

2. Old Testament usage

בְּחִיר *bachir* chosen, choice, select,
most excellent one

Judg. 20:16, “Among all this people were seven hundred choice men who were left-handed; every one could sling a stone at a hair’s breadth and not miss.”

“choice almonds”
sheqadim mobecharim



Matt. 22:14, “For many are called, but few are chosen [CHOICE].”

In the parable, the choice ones are choice because of the quality of their robes (imputed righteousness), not their works. The only mention of anyone making a volitional decision in the parable are those who are unwilling to attend the banquet.

Thus, the issue in the conclusion cannot be an act of selection, but the quality of excellence in those present, i.e., imputed righteousness.

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1 Peter 1:1–2,

“Peter, apostle of Jesus Christ to [the] elect residents of the diaspora of Pontus, Galatia, Kappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, according to foreknowledge of God the Father by the sanctification of the spirit for the purpose of obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.”



PONTUS

GALATIA

ASIA

CAPPADOCIA

PAMPHYLIA

CILICIA

CARIA

LYCIA

SYRIA

PHOENICIA

ABILENE

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

BLACK SEA

MARMARA SEA

BYTHYNIA

Ankara (Angora)

Caesarea

Antioch in Pisidia

Lake Tuz

COMMAGENE

Iconium

Lystra

Derbe

Tarsus

Issus

Aleppo

Seleucia Pieria

Antioch

Cyprus

Damascus

Sidon

Tyre

Ptolemais (Acco)

Caesarea Maritima

Pergamum

Thyatira

Sardis

Smyrna

Philadelphia

Ephesus

Hierapolis

Colossae

Laodicea

Miletus

CARIA

Cos

Rhodes

Patara

Attalia

Euphrates River

Orontes River

Lebanon River

1. The residents of the diaspora were Jews who had trusted in Jesus as Messiah.

2. Elect is a translation of the adjective, *eklektoi*, which has as a primary meaning of an emphasis on quality. It means the choice or excellent ones.

3. Another thing we can say about the use of the word here, is that it is not with reference to Jewish believers in terms of their relationship to the Abrahamic Covenant. We know that because of the second two prepositional phrases.

By means of the sanctification of the Holy Spirit.

For obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.

4. This excellence or quality that we have is then further defined for us. First it is said to be *according to foreknowledge.*

2 Thess. 2:9, “Whose coming is ‘according to’ [*kata*] the working of Satan;”

on the basis of; according to; because of

Conclusion:

- 1. In Eternity Past God in His omniscience knew who would respond to the invitation to trust in Christ as Savior.**



Omniscience:
**God knows all
the knowable**

Foreknowledge:
**God knows in advance
what will happen**

2. Those who respond in faith alone, receive the imputation of perfect righteousness from God, and are declared righteous. These are the ones who possess that quality.

3. So God's knowledge beforehand perceived who would believe, and on that basis, set them apart. This is very much a part of the idea in "*eklektois*," those appointed or set apart to a task. This become more clear when we examine the second phrase, sanctified or set apart by the Holy Spirit.

4. Inclusion in this group is not “because of faith” for that makes faith meritorious. The merit or value is the death of Christ, not in the kind of faith a person has.

“by means of the sanctification of the Spirit”

ἁγιασμός *hagiasmos* n. Used 10×, holiness, consecration, sanctification,

ἅγιος (*hagios*), holy, sacred; 221×

ἁγιάζω (*hagiazō*), make holy, consecrate, sanctify; 25×

**ETERNAL
REALITIES**

**TEMPORAL
REALITIES**



ACTS 16:31

IN CHRIST

**Baptism by the
Holy Spirit**

Sanctified

THREE STAGES OF SALVATION

PHASE

ONE

Justification

**Positional
Sanctification**

**Freed from
Penalty of Sin**

PHASE

Two

**Spiritual
Life**

**Experiential
Sanctification**

**Freed from
Power of Sin**

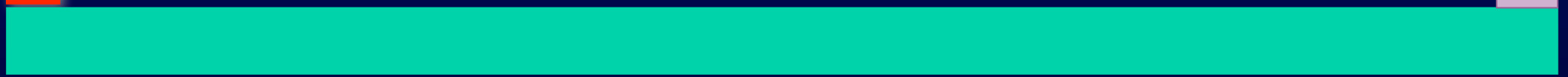
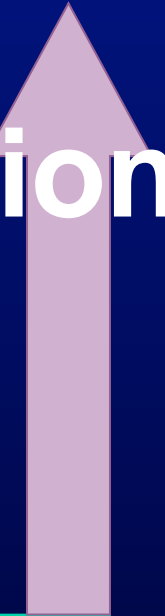
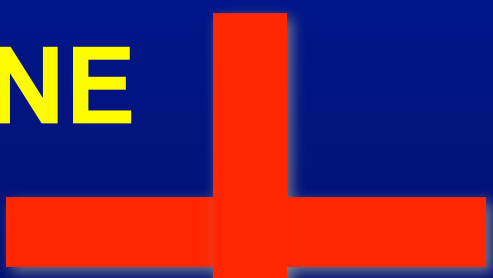
PHASE

THREE

Glorification

**Ultimate
Sanctification**

**Freed from
Presence of Sin**



Usage of words in the Old Testament:

Lev. 21:8, “Therefore you shall consecrate him, for he offers the bread of your God. He shall be holy to you, for I the Lord, who sanctify you, am holy.”

2 Thess. 2:13, “But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through [en] sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.”

Acts 26:18, “to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified [perfect ptcp] by faith in Me.”

Rom. 6:19, “I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in further lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification.”

Rom. 6:22, “But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life.”

**John 17:17, “Sanctify them in the truth;
Your word is truth.”**

1 Cor. 1:2, “To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints by calling, with all who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours:”

Heb. 9:13, “For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh,”

Heb. 13:12, “Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate.”

Heb. 10:10, “By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.”

Acts 26:18, “to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified [perfect ptcp] by faith in Me.”

Heb. 10:22, “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.”