

Aliens in a Strange Land (1 Peter 1:1-2) Discussion Questions

To whom did Peter address his letter? (1:1)

How does the apostle Peter describe the Christians in modern-day Turkey who he is writing to? (1:1) E_____ (Elect) E_____ (Exiles)

How had Peter's readers been chosen? (1:2)

For what had Peter's readers been chosen? (1:2)

When do you feel as if you're a stranger in the world?

Peter opens his letter with a rich Trinitarian formulation (1:2). What role does each member of the Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) play in this verse? How does their work convey grace and peace? How does it give hope?

What have the three Persons of the Trinity done for each Christian (v 2)? Put each phrase into your own words.

What does this tell us about how Peter wants us to view:
our relationship with God? our life in this world?

What do you expect the Christian life to be like between here and heaven?

Note - Sprinkling (verse 2). Peter's image is from Exodus 24:4-8, the ritual by which the Israelites cemented their covenant with God. The blood of bulls was sprinkled on the people to signify that they were renouncing pagan ways and that God was cleansing them from guilt to be holy

Choose one thing Peter says in 1:1-2 about our identity as Christians, and consider it for a while. How do you think this fact should affect a Christian's attitudes and behavior?

How do these verses encourage us to live for what we will have in the future, rather than what we could have in our present?

Does the description of Christians as "elect exiles" comfort you, discomfort you, or both? How, and why?

In what areas of life would thinking of yourselves as "elect exiles" change the way you think, feel or act?