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- **W**ritten by **P**eter the apostle in **60-64**
- To **G**entile churches in modern-day Turkey experiencing persecution
- **F**ocus on how to live faithfully in difficult circumstances

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Three words about our identity as followers of Jesus

- **Elect** - chosen; selected for a purpose
- **Exiles** - pilgrims, sojourners; temporary residents in a foreign land
- **Scattered** - dispersed

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Three phrases describing **Elect Exiles**

Chosen according to the foreknowledge of **God** -

- **Foreknowledge** - knowing in advance often w/sense of working out **God's** prior plan and purpose
- **We** are **Elect Exiles** because of **God's** plan and purpose. **Our** scattering is not accidental or incidental, but intentional and essential.

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Three phrases describing **Elect Exiles**
Through the sanctifying work of the **Spirit** -

- **Sanctification** - process of becoming holy
- **Initially at conversion** - we are washed clean of our sin
- **Ongoing** - we are conformed more and more into the image of **Jesus**
- **We** become part of the **Elect Exiles** both through the initial cleansing of

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Three phrases describing **Elect Exiles**

To be obedient to the word of **Christ**
and sprinkled by **His** blood

- **Background - Ex 24.3-8**
- **Pattern of covenant making -**
 - **God** delivers a people
 - **God** invites people into relationship
- **He** will be their **God**/they will be
His people
 - **Covenant** is ratified w/blood
- **We** are **Elected** to live in covenantal relationship w/**God**; to be **His** people is to be **Elected Exiles** in this world.

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Prayer of Confession

Father, I acknowledge that You have made us **E**lect **E**xiles who are scattered throughout this community.

I also acknowledge that I don't always live as a citizen of heaven.

Holy **S**pirit, please bring to mind any areas of my life where I am being conformed to the patterns of this world.