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New perspective on identity:

- **Elect** – chosen, selected; speaks to God's care and concern for them; they have been adopted into His family; 'elect' describes their relationship w/God
- **Exiles** – strangers in a foreign land; they are now outsiders in their home town; 'exile' describes their relationship w/their community

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The Elect can expect:

- To receive
 - a new birth into a living hope (1.3)
 - an inheritance that can ever perish, spoil, or fade (1.4)
 - The salvation of their souls (1.9)
- To be shielded by God's power until Jesus returns (1.5)
- To be restored and made strong, firm and steadfast (5.10)
- To be filled w/an inexpressible and glorious joy (1.8)
- To live as a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession (2.8)

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Exiles can expect:

- Insults (4.14)
- Abuse to be heaped on them (4.4)
- To be accused of doing wrong (2.12)
- To be treated harshly by masters (2.18)
- To be threatened w/harm (3.13-14)
- Ignorant talk to be spread about them (2.15)
- To experience grief in all kinds of trials (1.6)
- Malicious talk and slander (3.16)

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Living as an elect exile

- 1Pet 1.15-16: But just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: Be holy, because I am holy.

Holy –

- To be set apart for God (elect)
 - Relationship – you will be My people and I will be your God
 - Purpose – good works He has created for us to do
- To be set apart from the world (exile) – if we are following Jesus there will be distinctions (in values and behaviors) between us and those who aren't following Him

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New perspective on persecution

- See 1.6-7 and 4.12
- Refiner's fire – brings impurities to surface
- Test (trial) – opportunity to see genuineness/quality of one's faith

