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# *The Pursuit of Holiness*

## *Chosen to Be Different*

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*“Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are **elect exiles** of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.”* **1 Peter 1:1–2, ESV**

1. When Was It Written? Around 64 AD

2. Where Were They Living? Northern Turkey
3. Who Was the Letter Written To? The Elect – Exiles

## To Be in Christ Is to Be ...

### Chosen

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” **1 Peter 2:9, ESV**

God Chose Us Not to Be a Thing  
but to Do a Work

Being A Christian Is Not About Looking Like a  
Christian but  
Giving My Life Away for Jesus

The Bible Calls This Difference: Holiness

“But I admit that I follow the Way, which they call a cult. I worship the God of our ancestors, and I firmly believe the Jewish law and everything written in the prophets.” *Acts 24:14, NLT*

**How Do I Figure Out If I Am Walking in the  
WAY?**

I Ask Myself...

Am I Busy About My Business or God's Business?

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Thing We Learn About Them Is  
That They Are

Exiles

4. How Did They Become Who They Are? By the Work of God

We Are Elect Exiles...

“According to”

Foreknowledge – of the Father

“By / In”

Sanctification of the Spirit

“For /with Reference to”

Obedience and the Blood – Jesus the Christ

5. Key Verse:

“but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy  
in all your conduct”

***1 Peter 1:15, ESV***

We Are Not Called to Live Good but To Be Different

We Pursue Being Good Enough –  
With the Expectation That “Good Enough” Is Good  
Enough

