

THE RECIPIENTS

I PETER 1:1-2a

BACKGROUND: As we begin our verse-by-verse study of I Peter, we must understand why we use the Bible. The Bible is God's Word. From it you learn about God and how to have and live in a personal relationship with Him, through Jesus Christ. (**II Timothy 3:16-17, fn 3:16, II Peter 1:20-21, fn 1:20-21, John 1:12-13, fn 1:12-13**)

TO YOU, GOD'S ELECT—The elect are the believers in Jesus Christ. In eternity past, God planned for you to be born at a certain time and at a certain place to know Him and to receive Him as Lord and Savior. Your life is not just a coincidence. You were placed on earth to show God's character and to tell others the promises of God's story of redemption through Jesus. (**I Peter 1:1, fn 1:1[3rd], Acts 17:24-28, II Peter 1:10, fn 1:10, Romans 10:12-15, fn 10:8-12, fn 10:14**) *How does your faith assure you that you are God's elect?*

TO YOU, GOD'S CHOSEN—You know that you are chosen if you have the Holy Spirit in you. You know that you are chosen because the Lord did an extraordinary internal work in you. He gave you faith to believe in Him and trust Him. (**I Peter 1:2, fn 1:2[1st], fn 1:2[3rd], I Peter 2:9-10, fn 2:9-10, Ephesians 1:3-4, fn 1:4, Ephesians 2:8-9, fn 2:8-9, John 15:16, fn 15:16**) *Who took the initiative in your salvation and how did that happen?*

THAT YOU MAY BE OBEDIENT—As recipients of your God-planned salvation, you are now exhorted by the Holy Spirit to live by faith., your faith based on the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ. (**I Peter 1:2, fn 1:2[2nd], John 14:15-21, fn 14:17, John 16:7-15, fn 16:8-11**) *How was each member of the Trinity (the Father, the Son (Jesus), and the Holy Spirit involved in your salvation?*

Are you taking time to experience the presence of the Holy Spirit with the Living Word teaching you and giving you His joy, His love, and His peace?