

## Discussion Notes for 1 Peter 1 (Part 1) :1-2

- How does knowing that Peter was an uneducated fisherman affect your view of anyone being used by the Lord?
- The early church recognized as apostles certain men who had seen the risen Jesus — leaders with the highest authority regarding doctrine and policy. Why is it important to understand that modern day apostles don't have the same authority as the apostles that were chosen by Jesus?
- What does Peter's description of those receiving his letter tell you about those people?
- Peter tells the believers they are "**elect**" or **chosen**. Why is that an important thing to know for someone who is enduring persecution and suffering for being a believer?
- What key words in **verse 2** help us to understand HOW God chose us before we were even born?
- How does God's "foreknowledge" affect the way you think of His involvement in current events, both in the world and in your own life?
- Pastor Paul mentioned that sanctification is both positional and practical. Define positional sanctification and then define practical sanctification in your own words.
- Why is it important for believers to know that practical sanctification is ongoing?
- Peter explains that we have been chosen and set apart FOR obedience to Jesus Christ. In other words, we were saved FOR THE PURPOSE OF being obedient to Jesus. How does that affect the way you see your own life of obedience to the Lord?
- Pastor Paul taught that obedience for the New Testament believer is not a matter of following rules but rather following the leading of the Spirit. Why is that so hard for many believers?
- Why is it important to understand that the way the Spirit leads one person may not apply to the next person?
- What can you do to sharpen your spiritual sensitivity?
- Why is it important to know and understand that the forgiveness of Jesus is ongoing in our lives?