

# Living Secure in an insecure world Part 1 of 4

*You belong to God, but live in a foreign land* 1 Peter 1:1

## **Introduction:**

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen 2 according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, that you may obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in fullest measure.

Genesis 50:20 "And as for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.

Acts 2:23 this Man, delivered up by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death. 24 "And God raised Him up again...

## **#1 You are secure because this letter is God's Word, coming to you with the AUTHORITY of an apostle** *Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ*

### **1<sup>st</sup> FOUNDATIONAL**

Ephesians 2:20, "The church is built upon the foundation of the Apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone."

### **2<sup>nd</sup> EYEWITNESSES to the resurrection of Jesus Christ**

Acts 1:22 "a witness with us of His resurrection"

1 Corinthians 9:1 Am I not an apostle, ...have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord?

### **3<sup>rd</sup> PROXIES of Christ**

Matthew 10:1 "having summoned His twelve disciples,... He gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness." 2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these:

2 Thessalonians 3:6... We command you

1 Corinthians 4:21... with a rod

### **4<sup>th</sup> The writers of SCRIPTURE**

2 Peter 3:2 "remember the words spoken beforehand by the holy prophets (the Old Testament) and the commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken by your apostles (the New Testament)" 16 "the rest of the Scriptures"

### **5<sup>th</sup> Authenticating MIRACULOUS signs**

Acts 2:42-43 "continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching...and everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles."

Acts 5:12 at the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were taking place among the people.

Hebrews 2:3-4 How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed by those who heard 4 God also bearing witness with them... bearing witness with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will.

## **#2 You are secure in this world even though for a little while, you are scattered ALIENS**

*to those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,*

### #3 You are secure because God has CHOSEN you *who are chosen*

*John 15:16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you*

**Election is the action of God where He graciously chooses out from among sinful people the ones who will be saved;**

God Ultimately Responsible	Man Ultimately Responsible
God's choice unconditional	God's choice dependant on man's choice.
God chose in eternity past	God's choice determined by present events
Fallen man cannot choose God	Fallen man can choose God
Faith is a gift of God	Faith is possible for all men
Justice is found in God's character	Justice is found in equal opportunity

*Ephesians 1:4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world 11...we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will  
2 Thessalonians 2:13...because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation*

*Romans 9:11 for though the twins were not yet born, and had not done anything good or bad, in order that God's purpose according to His choice might stand, not because of works, but because of Him who calls, 12 it was said to her, "The older will serve the younger." 13 Just as it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."*

*John 6:65b no one can come to Me, unless it has been granted him from the Father.*

*Ephesians 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God.  
2 Peter 1:1 Simon Peter, a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ.*

*Philippians 1:29 For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake.*

*Romans 9:20. Who are you, O man who answers back to God. The thing molded will not say to the molder Why did you make me like this will it? In other words Be quiet and know I am God,*

*Acts 13:48 as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed  
Acts 16:14 And a certain woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, a worshiper of God, was listening; and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul.*

**BEFORE NEXT WEEK read Romans 8-11, Ephesians 1-2 and John 10**

#### **1 You're secure because God is IMMOVABLE**

*Psalms 55:22 Cast your burden upon the Lord, and He will sustain you; He will never allow the righteous to be shaken.*

#### **2 You are secure because you BELONG to Christ**

*John 10:28 and I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of My hand.*

#### **3 You are secure because His Word has AUTHORITY**

*1 Peter 1:25 the word of the Lord abides forever.*

#### **4 You are secure, but only IF ...**

**... you are IN Christ**

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