

Mirror Moment

1 Peter 1:1-2

- We are under the authority of God's Word.

1 Peter 2:1a

- We are exiles in this world.

1 Peter 2:1b

- We are chosen as God's special people.

1 Peter 2:1-2

- We are given undeserved spiritual blessings.

1 Peter 2:2c

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Can you think of a time when you looked in the mirror and were surprised by what you saw? How does God's Word act as a mirror for us?
2. Read 1 Peter 1:1-2. What are the 3 components of an ancient letter opening? Which one is prominent in 1 Peter?
3. What is the significance of being described as an exile? How does Israel's history help us understand this? (See Gen 23:4; Heb 11:13-16; Lev 25:23; 1 Chron 29:15; Ps 39:12; Jer 29:4-7)
4. Nathanael described the difference between an immigrant, a tourist, and an exile. How do you understand each of these to be different? How do they describe different temptations on the Christian life? How do these verses help us understand our calling: Phil 3:20; 2 Cor 5:20; 1 Pet 2:11-12.
5. How is knowing that you were chosen by God an encouragement to you? (see 1 Pet 2:9)
6. Describe what Peter says about each Person of the Trinity's involvement in our election in 1 Peter 1:1-2? What stands out the most to you? Why?
7. Why do you think Peter couples obedience to Jesus with sprinkling with His blood? How is this an encouragement to you? (See Rom 8:1-4; Heb 10:22; 1 John 1:7-2:1; Heb 9:19-22; Eze 36:25; Heb 11:28; Heb 12:24).
8. Consider watching the Bible Project Overview of 1 Peter. You can find the video here: <https://youtu.be/WhP7AZQIzCg>

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