

1 Peter Series

Lesson #010

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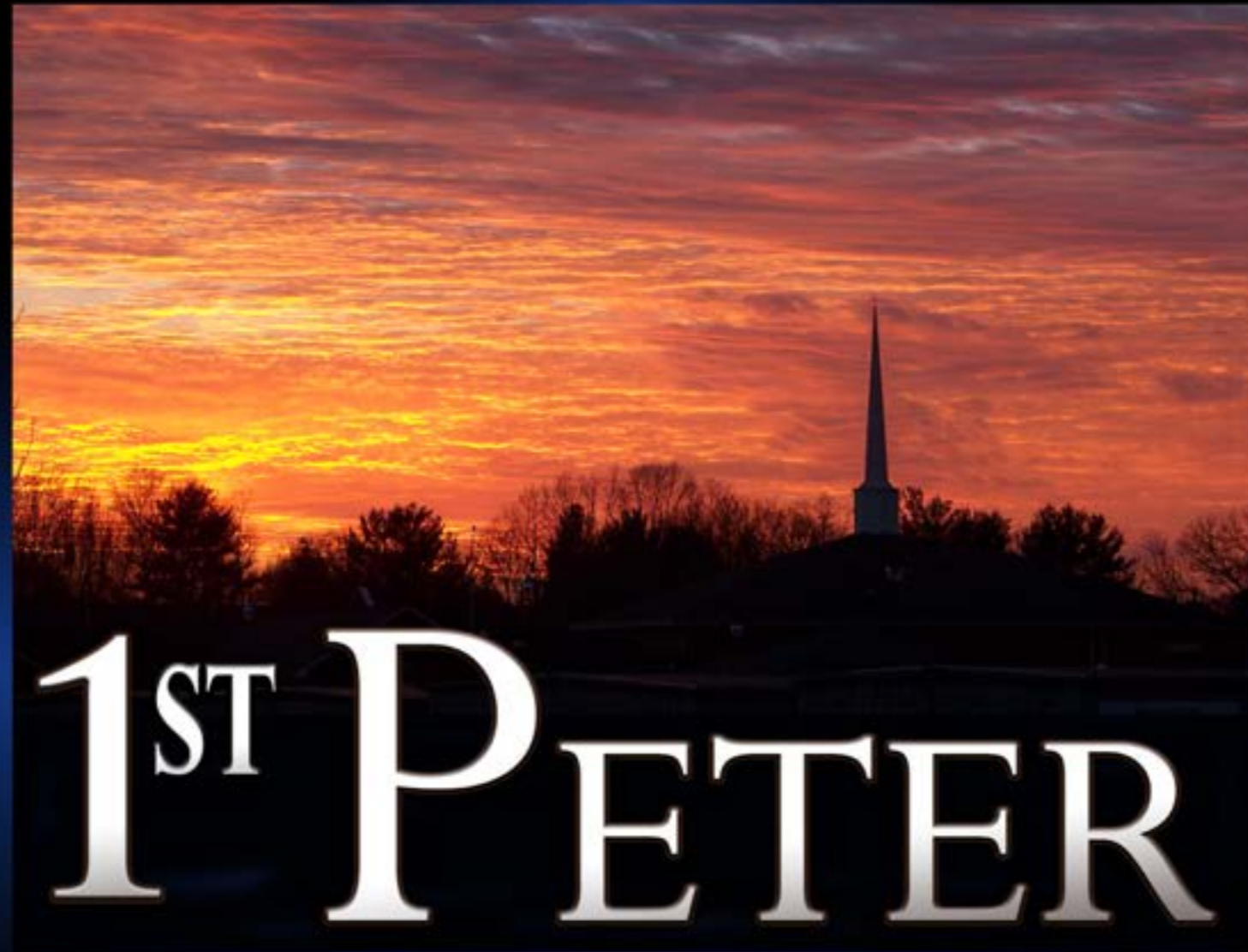
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**ACCORDING TO FOREKNOWLEDGE**

**1 PETER 1:1**



**LIVING IN LIGHT  
OF ETERNITY**

**1 Pet. 1:1, “Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,**

**To the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,**

**1 Pet. 1:2, “elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.”**

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Father [the standard]

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[the means]

**for** obedience and sprinkling  
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[the purpose]

# 1. Greek words

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# English Word Meanings

**elect – appointed, designated, determined**

**choice – OED something of very good  
quality, excellent, the best, special,  
valuable**

**select – v. carefully choose as being the  
best or most suitable,  
adj. carefully chosen from a larger number  
as being the best**

## 2. Old Testament usage

בְּחִיר *bachir* chosen, choice, select,  
most excellent one

Judg. 20:16, “Among all this people were seven hundred choice men who were left-handed; every one could sling a stone at a hair’s breadth and not miss.”

“choice almonds”  
*sheqadim mobecharim*





### **3. The importance of corporate identity in relation to Israel and the Church.**

## 4. Back to the Greek words

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**Matt. 22:14, “For many are called, but few are chosen [CHOICE].”**

**In the parable, the choice ones are choice because of the quality of their robes (imputed righteousness), not their works. The only mention of anyone making a volitional decision in the parable are those who are unwilling to attend the banquet.**

**Thus, the issue in the conclusion cannot be an act of selection, but the quality of excellence in those present, i.e., imputed righteousness**

**Isa. 61:10, “I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.”**

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**Palmer, et al; *The Five Points of Calvinism***

**“When the Bible speaks of God knowing particular individuals, it often means that He has special regard for them, that they are the objects of His affection and concern.”**

**But what is the basis for this special regard?**

## **Calvinist**

**Choose;  
determine;  
enter into a  
relationship  
before;  
to elect**

## **Lexicons**

**to know  
beforehand**

**One major problem in determining meaning is the assumption on the part of many Calvinist writers that the change in subject (from God to man) changes the meaning of the verb.**



## **Liddell, Scott, Jones. *Greek English Lexicon***

- 1. know, perceive, learn, or understand beforehand, prognosticate, foreknow, learn things in advance**
- 2. judge beforehand [provides no lexical evidence]**

**Sees no meaning of *proginosko* that implies choice, election, loving relationship, or predestination.**

**Acts 26:5, “They knew me [knew beforehand] from the first, if they were willing to testify, that according to the strictest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee.”**

**Heb. 6:9, “But, beloved, we are confident *of* better things concerning you, yes, things that accompany salvation, though we speak in this manner.”**

**we are confident – object: better things**

**The verb means to *be confident of***

**Matt. 12:33, “Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is **known** by its fruit.”**

**The character or something about the tree is known from its fruit.**

**No relationship, deterministic plan, or electing love is implied. Facts are the object of knowledge.**

**1 Pet. 1:20, “He indeed was foreordained [*proginosko*: known beforehand] before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you.” [NKJV]**

**NASB has “foreknown”**

**or is this “a loving, committed relationship.”**

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**was [perfect tense] before the foundation of the world  
contrasted with  
was manifest [aorist] in these last times**

**2 Pet. 3:17, “You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked;”**

**Acts 2:23, “Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death;”**

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**Hendiadys: article noun *kai* noun**

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**2 Thess 2:9, “Whose coming is *kata* (“according to”) the working of Satan;”**

**Rom. 8:29, “For whom He foreknew [knew beforehand], He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.”**