

## **Believing People in an Unbelieving World**

### **1 Peter 1:1-9**

#### **1. Chosen by God.**

*“...according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.” 1Peter 1:2 (English Standard Version)*

*“For he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless in love before him. <sup>5</sup> He predestined us to be adopted as sons through Jesus Christ for himself, according to the good pleasure of his will...” Ephesians 1:4-5 (Christian Standard Bible)*

#### **2. Scattered all over the world.**

*“Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia...” 1Peter 1:1 (English Standard Version)*

*Dear friends, I urge you as strangers and exiles to abstain from sinful desires that wage war against the soul. 1 Peter 2:11 (Christian Standard Bible)*

#### **3. A hope that doesn't come from the world.**

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you. <sup>5</sup> You are being guarded by God's power through faith for a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. 1 Peter 1:3-5 (Christian Standard Bible)*

#### **4. The result of our trials is praise.**

*You rejoice in this, even though now for a short time, if necessary, you suffer grief in various trials <sup>7</sup> so that the proven character of your faith — more valuable than gold which, though perishable, is refined by fire — may result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 1:6-7 (Christian Standard Bible)*

*Though you have not seen him, you love him; though not seeing him now, you believe in him, and you rejoice with inexpressible and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup> because you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls. 1 Peter 1:8-9 (CSB)*