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I and II Peter

# HOLY & HOPEFUL

- Introduction:
  - Peter identifies himself as the author and as an apostle of Jesus Christ.
  - He addresses this letter to the “***elect exiles of the Dispersion.***”
    - We see a similar opening statement in James.
    - Peter is referring to Christians who feel displaced in this present evil world.

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- **Holiness**

- He begins by discussing the process of one becoming Holy.
  - Foreknowledge of God- Eph. 1:3-4
  - Sanctification in the Spirit- John 17:17
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  - Sprinkling with his blood.- I John 1:7

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- **Hopefulness**

- **The means of this hope.**

- *Through the resurrection of Jesus*

- **The permanence of this hope.**

- *Imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.*

- **The certainty of this hope.**

- *Guarded by God's power.*

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- Peter's purpose is to continue to encourage the Christians to remain faithful even in the face of trials.
- He does this by reminding them about several things:
  - They will have honor and salvation.
  - They are privileged with knowledge others have longed to have. These former prophets labored to serve the interests of the current Christians.

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- Two points of interest in this paragraph concerning their salvation:
  - The involvement of the prophets and serving a greater purpose. Their dedication to the cause.
  - Things into which angels long to look.
    - The idea is of them stooping to look.
    - Reminiscent of Peter at Jesus's grave or the cherubim on the mercy seat looking down.

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- In view of the trials and persecutions they were potentially going to face, Peter gives them the formula for success in their current sojourn. Have a.....
  - **Mind of Action**
  - **Mind of Awareness**
  - **Mind of Anticipation and Joy**

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- **Points to focus on in this chapter**
  - Be holy because God is holy.
  - God judges impartially according to our deeds.
  - Ransomed with the imperishable precious blood of Christ. He came to earth for their sake.
  - Purified with imperishable word. It endures forever.
  - Born again to demonstrate love.