

# Sermon Notes - April 12, 2026



## Coming up at MLCC:

**Seniors Ministry**

**Coffee Klatch**

**April 13th**

**10am**

**Men's Bible Study**

**Tuesdays 6:30pm**

**Women's Bible Study**

**Thursdays 6:30pm**

**Women's Fitness**

**Mondays & Thursdays**

**10am**

**Youth Ministry**

**Junior High Youth**

**Wednesdays 6-8pm**

**(Doors open at 5:30)**

**High School Youth**

**Sundays 6-8pm**

**(Doors open at 5:30)**

**Speaker: Phil Payne**

**I Peter 1 : 1- 9**

*Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ...*

Peter's opening phrase is doing more than introducing himself—it is establishing:

- **Authority** (*Apostolos* is one sent by Christ)
- **Credibility** (eyewitness and leader who walked with Jesus)
- **Connection** (to scattered believers who were facing persecution and suffering)
- **Continuity** (alongside Paul the Apostle and John the Apostle)

*To God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.*

Definite Paradox here : “**Elect**” (chosen, secure, loved) and “**Exiled**” (displaced, uncomfortable)

*Praise be to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy, he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this, you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory, and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.*

**Peter's Message for us:**

God has given us a \_\_\_\_\_ . (a new Identity)

God has given us an \_\_\_\_\_ . (a new Security)

God has given us a \_\_\_\_\_ (a new Reality)

