

# STANDING FIRM

## 1 Peter 1:1-2

<sup>1</sup>Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen <sup>2</sup>according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure.

1) Write down 10 observations and 5 questions about the passage.

2) What are the main verbs and the main subjects of the passage?

3) What do you know about 1 Peter? Have you read it before?

4) Who is the author? What do we know about him?

5) Read John 1:40-42, Matthew 16:13-18, Luke 22:31-32 & 54-62, John 21:15-19. Write 4-5 sentences explaining what these verses tell us about Peter.

### How to Study the Bible

1. Pray
2. Read the passage multiple times
3. Identify key verbs, nouns, and repeated words or phrases
4. Write down questions
5. Check context, cross-references
6. Check commentaries
7. Ask "Why does this matter?"

- 6) A major theme of 1 Peter is standing firm in suffering. Read Acts 5:17-42. Why is Peter a good author on this subject?
- 7) How does Peter describe his audience?
- 8) How would it feel to be an exile?
- 9) How is a Christian like an exile?
- 10) Besides Peter and the audience, who else is mentioned in this verse? Why is this significant?
- 11) What does this passage teach you about God? (3-4 sentences, *there is actually a lot*)
- 12) What are some ways **you need to** apply this passage?