

Ministry of Grace Church

1 Peter 1:1-5 - Listener Notes

- A. The book of 1 Peter was most certainly written by the apostle Peter
- B. It was most likely written while Peter was in Babylon
- C. The people to whom it was written were living as aliens among the world. We today are also living as aliens among the world.
- D. The people to whom this letter was written were chosen by God (elect) just as we are today.
- E. This election was based on God's foreknowledge.
- F. Foreknowledge means that God had thorough knowledge of us (not our actions) and chose us through thoughtful and deliberate consideration.
- G. "Born again" is from the Greek word *anagennao*. It can also mean "born from above.
- H. Our new birth is a spiritual rebirth.
- I. Because of this spiritual re-birth we will obtain an inheritance
- J. This inheritance can't be destroyed; is pure, unspoiled, and holy; and won't fade away
- K. We were also adopted (placed as sons) into God's family
- L. Unsaved people won't go to Hell just because they weren't chosen, they will go to Hell because that's what they deserve as a result of their sinfulness
- M. Our inheritance will be the New Jerusalem described in Revelation chapters 21 and 22
- N. The bottom line is that God chose us to be His children, not because we deserved it, but simply because He decided to.