

1 Peter 1:1-3, Bible Devotions

☐ Monday - Alienated or Assimilated?

1 Peter 1:1

A believing remnant of God's Old Testament people resided as aliens among the nations in which they were scattered, but the rest of Israel was assimilated -- swallowed up by the pagan cultures in which they lived. Is the church so different today? Some "reside as aliens" (1 Peter 1:1), not being "conformed to this world" (Rom. 12:2), but is this the exception or the rule? My dear church-goer, have you been alienated or assimilated by the world?

Read Hebrews 11:13-16

☐ Tuesday - Salvation is a Trinitarian Work.

1 Peter 1:1-2

Peter writes "to those who reside as alien ... who are chosen 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. Like all of God's works, salvation is a Trinitarian work. God the Father chose us, the Holy Spirit sanctifies us, and Christ redeemed us by His blood. Christian, the whole Being of God is engaged in your salvation. "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God" (Rev. 19:1). "He only is my rock and my salvation" (Psalm 62:2).

Read Psalm 79:9

☐ Wednesday - Foreknown By God.

1 Peter 1:2

"And Adam *knew* Eve his wife; and she conceived" (Gen. 4:1, KJV). Heb. *yada*, referring to Adam's intimate love for Eve. In like fashion, the Lord said to Jeremiah, "Before I formed you in the womb I *knew* you" (Jer. 1:5) – same Heb. word, *yada*; i.e. God foreknew Jeremiah; that is, He intimately loved him from all eternity. God's love for His people transcends time; "He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world" and "In love He predestined us to adoption as sons" (Eph. 1:4-5). God's people are "chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father" (1 Pet. 1:2), which is just another way of saying that God has loved His people "with an everlasting love" (Jer. 31:3). Christian, revel in God's eternal, electing love! Read Romans 8:29

☐ Thursday - The First Cause.

1 Peter 1:3

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has *caused* us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Pet. 1:3). God is the *First Cause* of all things, though He often works through intermediate means. Yes, "God *causes* all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose" (Rom. 8:28).

Read Psalm 103:19; Acts 13:48; Romans 9:15-16

☐ Friday - A Living Hope.

1 Peter 1:3

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3). We have all had hopes that have not been realized, but here Peter refers to salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ as a *living hope*? In other words, it is a hope that is not dead, but alive, even after 2000 years! "If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved ... For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed (Rom. 10:9-11). "O Lord of hosts, How blessed is the man who trusts in You!" (Psalm 84:12).

Read Psalm 37:5