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**DEAR EXILES**

**1 Peter 1:1-2**

**Passage in a Sentence:** As God's chosen exiles, we are called to hope and holiness because the Father, Son, and Spirit have done something for us that the world can never change.

**I. PETER WROTE (1:1)**

- a. 1 Peter is a word of grace from one who had received much grace.
- b. Application: God's grace is just as sufficient to cover our sin and make us competent for service.

**II. PETER WROTE AS ONE WHO WAS SENT BY JESUS (1:1)**

- a. He was an apostle of Jesus Christ.
- b. Application: We too have been sent by Jesus with His Word.

**III. PETER WROTE AS ONE WHO WAS SENT BY JESUS TO FEED HIS SHEEP (1:1)**

- a. Peter wrote to God's chosen ones whom he calls "elect exiles".
- b. Application: As Gentile believers, we are no longer outsiders but children in God's family who are fully chosen and wanted.

**IV. PETER WROTE AS ONE WHO WAS SENT BY JESUS TO FEED HIS SHEEP, WHO WERE SOJOURNING AND SUFFERING (1:1)**

- a. The elect of God are exiles in this world.
- b. As sojourners for Christ in a hostile world, we will experience suffering.
- c. Application:
  - i. As sojourners, we need to remember our true home and citizenship is in Heaven.
  - ii. As sojourners who belong to Jesus, suffering should not surprise us.



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- V. PETER WROTE AS ONE WHO WAS SENT BY JESUS TO FEED HIS SHEEP, WHO WERE SOJOURNING AND SUFFERING, CALLING THEM TO HOPE (1:2)**
- a. God has done something for us that the world can never change.
    - i. God the Father has always known and will always know us.
    - ii. God the Spirit has given us life that the world can never kill.
    - iii. God the Son has cleansed us with His blood, which no sin can cancel.
  - b. Application: Because God the Father, God the Spirit, and God the Son have secured our salvation, we have a certain hope in an uncertain world.
- VI. PETER WROTE AS ONE WHO WAS SENT BY JESUS TO FEED HIS SHEEP, WHO WERE SOJOURNING AND SUFFERING, CALLING THEM TO HOPE AND TO HOLINESS (1:2)**
- a. We are set apart by the Spirit for obedience to Jesus.
  - b. Application:
    - i. We have not only been saved from something but saved for something.
    - ii. We are set apart to serve.
- VII. PETER WROTE AS ONE WHO WAS SENT BY JESUS TO FEED HIS SHEEP, WHO WERE SOJOURNING AND SUFFERING, CALLING THEM TO HOPE AND TO HOLINESS AS THEY RECEIVED GOD'S MULTIPLIED GRACE AND PEACE. (1:2)**
- a. The wonder is not that God can extend grace and peace but that He desires to do so, especially to we who were His enemies.
  - b. Application:
    - i. The same resources promised to Peter's original audience are promised to us as well.
    - ii. Grace and peace from God are ours in Christ alone.