



<b>SERIES:</b>	60 1 & 2 Peter - Rock Solid - 2013
<b>MESSAGE:</b>	<b>The Underpinnings of a Rock-Solid Life</b>
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<b>SCRIPTURE:</b>	1 Peter 1:2

## MESSAGE SUMMARY

Peter skillfully lays the foundational basis for the Christian life to his readers in a single verse. We've been picked by God, placed in His family, and promised future benefits. For anyone who has ever struggled with a weak faith, these truths can be transforming. In this introduction to Peter's letter, let's unpack the meaning of these encouraging realities.

## DETAILED NOTES

### I. Introduction

#### A. Aging carpenter wanting to retire

1. Built one last house
2. Used inferior materials
3. Boss gave him the house

#### B. We are all building our lives

1. Foundation is Jesus Christ (see 1 Corinthians 3:11)
2. Attach to foundation
  - a. According to the Uniform Building Code in America, homes didn't have to be bolted to their foundations until 1958
  - b. Use truths to attach to foundation
    - i. What we think about God determines what we think about everything else
    - ii. A.W. Tozer said, "What a person thinks about God is the most important thing about that person"
    - iii. Peter pointed them to deep theological truths

### II. Four truths—the underpinning of a rock-solid life (v. 2)

#### A. We've been chosen by God previously

1. Elect pilgrims
  - a. Scattered over Asia Minor
  - b. Undergoing persecution
2. Peter wanted them to know that they were picked by God long ago
  - a. Skip remember being picked for teams as a kid and hated it because of being the last one chosen
  - b. Being chosen by God was a monumental truth for Peter
    - i. Choosing a restaurant
    - ii. Skip got a call from a pastor friend to preach at his church. Surprise! Chose to go to Hawaii

- iii. 13 different times in the Old Testament, Israel is called the "chosen" or the "elect" people of God
  - iv. *Fiddler on the Roof*
  - v. In the New Testament, Christians are called "God's elect" (see Colossians 3:12)
  - vi. Debate about God's election and predestination versus our free will
  - vii. You were picked before the foundation of the world (see Ephesians 1:4)
  - viii. "It's a good thing God picked me before I was born; He never would have picked me afterwards" Charles Spurgeon
  - ix. Altar call—your faith cooperating with His election
  - x. God takes the initiative and we respond (1 John 4:19)
- B. We are known completely—foreknowledge of God
- 1. Foreknowledge of God—*prognosis*, Greek
  - 2. The same word is used of Jesus' death (see Acts 2:23)
  - 3. Compare God's knowledge to our knowledge
    - a. Our knowledge
      - i. Accumulated knowledge
      - ii. Product of tedious learning
      - iii. Result of long research
      - iv. Augmented by human experience
      - v. Subject to deterioration
    - b. God's knowledge
      - i. Immediate
      - ii. Comprehensive
      - iii. Without deterioration
      - iv. God never needs to research anything
      - v. You can never tell Him something that He doesn't already know
      - vi. He never forgets
  - 4. David was amazed at God's knowledge—His omniscience (see Psalm 139)
  - 5. Jesus displayed this kind of foreknowledge
    - a. Jesus knew of the little donkey He sent His disciples to retrieve (see Matthew 21, Mark 11, and Luke 19)
    - b. Jesus knew the thoughts people were thinking (see Matthew 9:4 and Luke 11:17)
  - 6. The comfort: If God knows everything, then He knows the worst about you and He loves you anyway
  - 7. "He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust" (Psalm 103:14)
  - 8. He also knows the best about us; He knows our motives and intentions (see 1 John 3:20)
- C. We are growing constantly
- 1. The One who knows you previously and completely, will help you grow constantly
  - 2. Sanctification
    - a. Marked as different
    - b. God is making you a holy person—not perfect

- c. You are becoming an increasingly obedient person
    - 3. Metaphor from Exodus 24
      - a. Sprinkled blood
      - b. Binding agreement
      - c. You have been saved by the blood of Christ
    - 4. Cooperate with the Holy Spirit (see John 16:8)
    - 5. The Trinity
      - a. God the Father
      - b. The Spirit
      - c. Jesus Christ
    - 6. "God loves you the way you are, but He loves you too much to leave you that way" —Leighton Ford
      - a. Come just as you are and He will change you and clean you up
      - b. "You must be holy" (Leviticus 11:44)
      - c. "Pursue holiness, without which no one can see the Lord" (Hebrews 12:14)
      - d. "This is the will of God, even your sanctification" (1 Thessalonians 4:3)
      - e. God wants you to be holy
    - 7. How do you know if you're holy?
      - a. You hate what God hates (sin)
      - b. You love what God loves (righteousness)
      - c. When you sin you will have remorse and a desire to change (see Psalm 51)
      - d. Faith is the root of holiness
      - e. Obedience is the fruit of holiness
  - D. We are blessed increasingly
    - I. Greetings
      - a. Rejoice! *Chairó* in Greek
      - b. Peace! *Shalom* in Hebrew
      - c. Peter used grace and peace; more significant
      - d. You can never experience the peace of God until you experience the grace of God
        - i. If you don't have peace, perhaps you have never experienced the grace of God
        - ii. Caesar Augustus didn't sleep very well
        - iii. Your ability to sleep has to do with a clear conscience before God (see Romans 5:1)
        - iv. Florida building code
        - v. God has given you a building code
- III. Closing
  - A. Man in Florida built his home according to the strict Florida building code; it withstood a hurricane, when houses all around were destroyed
  - B. God has given us a building code

**Greek Terms:** πρόγνωση; *prognosis*, foreknowing, foreseeing; χαίρω; *chairó*, I rejoice, am glad; also a salutation: Hail; χάρις; *charis*, grace, favor, kindness

**Hebrew Terms:** שלום; *shalom*, peace

**Publications Referenced:** Uniform Building Code in American; Fiddler on the Roof

**Figures Referenced:** A.W. Tozer, Charles Spurgeon, Caesar Augustus

**Cross references:** Exodus 24, Leviticus 11:44, Psalm 103:14, Psalm 139, Matthew 9:4, Matthew 21, Mark 11, Luke 11:17, Luke 19, John 16:8, Acts 2:23, Romans 5:1, 1 Corinthians 3:11, Ephesians 1:4, Colossians 3:12, 1 Thessalonians 4:3, Hebrews 12:14, 1 John 3:20, 1 John 4:19/p>

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