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Getting Started

1. Jesus gave Simon the nickname, “Peter” or Rock. What nickname did you have in your youth? Why?
2. Do you have a collection of anything at home (coins, rocks, cards, stamps, etc)?

Digging Deeper

3. The word “aliens” in vs. 1 is the word used for the dispersion of the Jews as four million were scattered in the Roman Empire. How does this background of dispersion illuminate what it means to be an exile for the Gospel?
4. What does it mean to you that the God who chose you is called “Father”?
5. The sprinkling of blood points to the entrance of a Covenant with God. What does it mean to be in covenant with our God and Savior?

Living It Out

6. Peter greeted Christians with grace (Greek greeting) and peace (Jewish greeting). What does this say about who and how we should welcome others at GCBC?
7. How should it impact the way we live to know that our salvation was won through Jesus’ obedience and not our own?

grace for the exiles

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I Peter 1:1-2

The Apostle Peter, along with other authors in the Bible, refers to Christians as sojourners or exiles. It is difficult to feel like an exile while living like in the comfort of 21st century America. We are not running from conflict or afraid of our politicians. What does it mean to be exiles in the world according to the Bible? It refers to the understanding that we have brought into a new household through the work of God.

We are _____ by the Father.

We are _____ by the Spirit.

**We are brought into the _____ and
_____ of Jesus Christ.**
