

Discussion Questions for sermon given on 2/28/2016

Sermon Title: **Solid Foundations in Shaky Times**

1. Read 1 Peter 1:1-2. Who is writing this letter? To whom is it written?
2. Read 1 Peter 5:12. What does this verse indicate as one of the main reasons Peter is writing these believers?
3. Peter address these believers as “exiles” (ESV) or “aliens” (NASB). Why is he saying that?
4. Read the following verses and discuss how they relate to Peter’s addressing believers as “aliens”. John 15:18-19; Philippians 3:20; Hebrews 11:13-16. How does remembering you are an “alien” in this world help you live your Christian life here and now?
5. As you look over verses 1 and 2 of chapter 1, what role does each member of the Trinity play in salvation.

God the Father?

Jesus Christ?

The Spirit?

6. Verse 2 talks about he the “sanctifying work of the Spirit” when it comes to our salvation. The Bible talks about sanctification in a couple of ways.

*Sanctification as a something that has been completed

The New Testament reflects the idea that followers of Christ have been sanctified or set apart as a result of Christ’s holiness (Acts 20:32; 26:18; 1 Cor 1:30; 2 Thess 2:13). This happens as a result of the wooing work of the Holy Spirit (no one comes to Jesus unless the Father draws him / her – John 6:44).

*Sanctification as something that is ongoing

This doctrine of sanctification draws on New Testament passages that emphasize a move toward holy and righteous living that characterizes following Christ in faith (1 Thess 4:3–8; Rom 6:19–22).

As you look over these aspects of the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit...

- a. If you are a Christian, think back to how the Holy Spirit was working in your life drawing you toward God. What did that look like in your salvation story?
 - b. In terms of the ongoing sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit in your life, what area of spiritual growth do you see the Holy Spirit working on in your life now? Be specific? (“everything” is not an acceptable answer 😊)
7. Why do you think Peter said, “May grace and peace be multiplied to you in fullest measure”? Why would these believers (given their situation) need this type of blessing?