

# Sermon Study Guide –

## 1 Peter 1:1-2

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Title: **“Alien Living in a Chaotic World”**

**Sermon Idea:** Struggling believers need to know they are eternally home in God.

### Key Points:

1. The people of God are “temporary aliens” in this world.
2. The people of God find security in their identity as God’s chosen people.

**What do I want people to know?** I want people to know that our true home is with God. This world is only a temporary place for us. Our security comes from knowing we are in Christ through His mighty power both now and forever.

**What do I want people to do?** I want people to (1) trust Christ as Lord and Savior, (2) not get wrapped up in earthly concerns, and (3) remember that God deals in futures.

**What need am I addressing?** I am addressing the need to find hope in the midst of suffering.

**Recommended Resources:** *“Knowing God,”* J.I. Packer; [www.thegospelcoalition.org](http://www.thegospelcoalition.org), *“Seeing Through Heaven’s Eyes”* Leif Hetland

**Intro:** Does the idea that “the Lord deals in futures” bring you peace or frustration? Explain your answer.

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### Dig:

**Day 1: 1 Peter 1:1-2** is the greeting of Peter to these believers in Asia Minor. What letter themes does Peter foreshadow by this greeting?

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**Day 2: Matthew 4:18-20** finds Peter meeting Jesus for the first time. What do you imagine might have been going through Peter’s mind when Jesus called him? How does he respond?

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**Day 3: Luke 22:31-34** is Jesus prediction of Peter’s betrayal. What is hopeful here? On what basis can Jesus be hopeful? What is Peter’s response? What does that tell us about him at this point?

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**Day 4: Romans 8:28-30** declares that God deals in futures! He is sovereign in our election and our sustenance right to glory. Does this comfort you? Why or why not?

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**Day 5: Hebrews 11:13-16** describes those who’ve walked by faith even though they suffered in this life. How does having eternal perspective help us endure?

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### Apply:

- Trust in Jesus as your Lord and Savior if you haven’t done so before.
- Examine your conversation. Is it filled with “I, me, mine?” Is your focus too earthly?
- When confronted with difficult and suffering, remind yourself, “The Lord deals in futures!”

**Pray:** Father God, thank You for choosing me to be Your child forever and giving me a heavenly home. Holy Spirit, do Your work of sanctification in my life that I might obey my Lord Jesus Christ! I will choose to walk by faith knowing that You are the God who deals in futures! Amen!

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