

SEPTEMBER 18, 2016 SERMON NOTES

God Knows.

I Peter 1:1-12

I Peter was written by the apostle Peter from Rome. Peter was in Rome during the last decade of his life and wrote this epistle about A.D. 63, just before the outbreak of Nero's persecution in AD 64. Peter was martyred about 67 A.D. This letter was written to predominately to Gentile Christians. Theme of this letter is found in 5:12, "the true grace of God" in the life of a believer."

I. The Grace of God means security.

A. Scary words: Chosen, foreknowledge, and predestined.

¹Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen ²according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure.

1. The Christian is _____ according to the foreknowledge of God.
2. Chosen by God based upon something God knows _____.
3. Foreknowledge means that God knows everything that _____.
4. Predestined means those who accept Jesus Christ will spend eternity with _____.
5. What is it that God knows about us? He knows who will respond to the _____.
6. We have the _____ to accept Christ or not.
7. The basis for all of this is _____ (Ephesians 2:8).

B. Grace means _____.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, ⁵who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time...

C. Knowledge of our security should bring about:

1. _____ (6).
2. _____ of the reality of our faith (7).
3. _____ for Him (8).
4. An _____ of the completion of our salvation (9).