



2,000 years ago, out of fire and blood, arose the most diverse and dynamic family that the world has ever seen. Originally known as "The Way", this band of brothers and sisters discovered their true identity in their leader, Jesus of Nazareth. After his death and resurrection, their movement multiplied as they welcomed people of every nation and race. Amidst this explosion, men like Peter wrote letters to encourage other believers who faced hostility from all sides. Two millennia later, these letters continue to inspire Christians in every corner of the world. For 10 weeks (Aug 18-Oct 20) at The Story we'll explore the letter known as *1 Peter* to discover our true identity and purpose together.

August 25, 2024 - Imperishable Inheritance

Reflection Questions:

What words come to mind when you think about the word family?

God's Chosen Family

Family of Origin -

Family of Choice -

1 Peter 1:1 - Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God's **elect, exiles** scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia.

Why is the title elect, exiles so interesting? What is Peter trying to communicate?

1 Peter 1:2 who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

What does it mean to be "chosen by the foreknowledge" of God?

Where is the Trinity in this passage?

How is the Trinity like a family?

Our Imperishable Inheritance

1 Peter 1:3-4 **3** Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **4** and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you

What is our Living Hope, how is it different from other dead hopes we might have?

1 Peter 1: 5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

How is God our Powerful Shield, and what does his protection empower us to do?

1 Peter 1:6-9 **6** In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. **7** These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. **8** Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, **9** for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

How can we experience Inexpressible Joy despite trials and circumstances we face?



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