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I Peter 1:1-5
“Cause And Effect”

PRINCIPLES AND APPLICATION

Introduction:

Author: Peter

Date: A. D. 63-64 during the reign of Nero.

Place of writing: Babylon, see **I Peter 5:12-13**. This is probably referring to Rome using Babylon as a descriptive term for the intrinsic evil of the city and Roman Empire.

Recipients: Christians of the dispersion. A circular letter to the churches listed in **v 1**.

Theme: Encouragement in the midst of suffering recognizing its divine purposes and gives a proper response to suffering in the light of the atonement of Christ. Gleaned from the *Believer's Study Bible*

Peter views trials of faith as productive. The more heat, the more pure. Trials identify and banish the impurities in one's character that may impair growth and service. Peter sees suffering as fruitful, and essential.

“Those who read **I Peter** are encouraged to lift their eyes from present problems and trials and behold the vistas provided by an eternal perspective. For though believers may for a while suffer grief in trials, they wait for an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade.” *Roger M. Raymer*

Foreknowledge is Not to be likened to looking over a hill to see what will come. **John 15:16** clarifies that. Any sort of *man-centered* definition of foreknowledge is incompatible with the sovereignty of God. Foreknowledge refers to God's eternal predetermination. **Jeremiah 1:5** reminds us that God is sovereign over all, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” God's elect experience a humbling, sobering realization that they had nothing to do with their salvation. God alone did. This is a religious pride crusher. Meditate on **Hebrews 12:2**.

God has CAUSED us **v 3**, to be born again (ESV NASB); the very thing Nicodemus was told by Jesus is absolutely necessary to enter heaven.

Application: We in Christ have been saved (conversion), are being saved (sanctification), and will be saved (this state of salvation is kept/reserved in heaven and waiting for you). This salvation is never ending.