

## **Deeper Walk with God - 1 and 2 Peter**

### **All we need 1 Peter 1:1-2**

Ever started on a journey and realized you left something behind?

Ever began a project only to find you did not have all the parts?

Ever started to cook a meal and discovered you did not have the ingredients?

***We begin 2017 with confidence that God has given all we need to go deeper with Him!!***

#### **I. The author**

**Peter - an apostle of Jesus Christ**

**Called to take the gospel especially to the Jews**

**Questions were settled early**

Irenaeus - 140-203 AD

Tertullian - 150-222 all recognize Peter as author

Clement and Origen

**Question of quality of Greek used**

**5:12** - through Silvanus

Could mean he was the scribe as well as carrier

**The when is settled with the authorship.**

- As early as 60 but not later than 68 AD (Peter's death)

#### **II. The recipients**

**Those who reside as aliens, sojourners,**

**-- Those temporary residing on earth but who are citizens of heaven**

**See 1 Peter 2:11, also Hebrews 11:13**

**Living in what is today Northern Turkey**

Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia

**Chosen - by God**

Through foreknowledge of God the Father

Through the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit

Through the sprinkling of the Blood of Jesus Christ

**Chosen - to obey**

To obey Jesus Christ

**Chosen - to receive**

**Grace** - unmerited

**Peace** - unexplainable

**God has provided all we need to go deeper with Him**

**The foreknowledge of God**

From His eternal plan

Prepared far before we needed His grace

**The Sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit**

Set aside for His use

Filled with the power to overcome

**The Cleansing work of Jesus Christ**

Sprinkling of blood for cleansing

Forgiveness of sin

Example to follow in overcoming

**Grace** - nothing we earned or deserve

**Peace** - essential for serving the Lord

**Let us determine to go deeper with God in 2017**

**It begins with commitment to God and His purposes for us.**

***What is my desire for my walk with God?***

***What will I do with the Word of God?***

***What will I do with the relationships God has provided?***

***What will I do with the mind God has given me?***

***What will I do with the body God has given me?***