**CCYS Message Outline Sample**

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Week 1

**1 Peter 1**

Jesus

**Introduction**

* **Date:** Between 62-64AD
* **Author:** Apostle Peter...

* 1. Leader of church in Jerusalem until James in 44AD
  2. Fisherman raised in Galilee: Bilingual in Greek/Aramaic

**Yet... The wisdom found in 1st Peter is a *direct result* of being with Jesus**

**Acts 4:13** Now when [the religious leaders] saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they **had been with Jesus**.

1. **Paul** Apostle of **Faith Gentiles**
2. **Peter** Apostle of **Hope Jews**
3. **John** Apostle of **Love All**

* **Setting:**

**1 Peter 5:13** She who is in **Babylon**... greets you...

* 1. No church in Babylon. Peter was never there.
  2. Babylon: Code name for Rome. **Peter writing from Rome.**
  3. Christians forsaking false-deities/Blamed for everything
  4. Nero about to go crazy on Christians especially burning Rome in **64AD**

**Nero will blame innocent Christians...Cause them to be seen as Troublemakers**

**I.** **Elect Pilgrims** Who We Are

1 Peter, an **apostle** of Jesus Christ...

* **Peter/Cephas:** Inner circle of Jesus... Peter, James [not Jesus’ bro] and John
* **Apostle:** Sent one, Apostle proper; i.e., one of 12 must...
  1. **Chosen** by Father
  2. **Seen** risen Christ
  3. **Miracles** by Spirit

**Peter the Apostle:** Sent by Jesus to the Jews, yet...

**Instrumental in calling Gentiles...**

* **Acts 10**
  1. Pete snoozing. Vision: Sheet w/unclean animals
  2. **God:** Kill/Eat. **Peter:** No Lord. 3X. God: What I’ve cleansed don’t call unclean
  3. Peter invited by God-fearing Cornelius/Realizes God calling Gentiles

**Acts 10:34** Then Peter opened his mouth and said: “In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. 35 But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness... Him. 36 The word which God sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ—**He is Lord of all**

* Peter writing to **all of us who are displaced...**

**1b...** **To the pilgrims** [sojourners] of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia...

* **To the Pilgrims...**Temporary residents in a foreign land

**World is not our home...**Our home is being prepared **as we speak**

2 [To the...] **elect** according to the **foreknowledge** of God the Father, in **sanctification** of the Spirit, for **obedience** and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ...

**Pilgrims:** Elected/Chosen

* **Foreknown of the Father**
* **Foreknowledge:** gr. *Prognosis*. From *proginōskō*. To have knowledge beforehand

**To Know the Outcome...Omniscient/All knowing**

**Romans 8:29** ...whom **He foreknew**, He also **predestined**...

**Ephesians 1:4** [God...] **chose us** in Him **before the foundation** of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love...

**1 Timothy 2:4** [God]...desires **all men to be saved** and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

* If God desires all men to be saved why are all men not saved? Free-will.
* **Q.** Did God choose us/We choose God? **A. Yes**

The foreknowledge of the Father as to who will/will not be saved does not prevent men from exercising free-will to choose or reject His universal offer of Salvation. God’s desire is that all men are saved thus “under the sun” the burden must rest with man to respond or reject the offer of God’s grace. If we have chosen God, He has already chosen us and **we are the Elect**. [NJC]

* Foreknown of the Father
* **Sanctified by the Spirit**

**Romans 8:29b...** [We are] predestined to be **conformed to the image** of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

**2 Corinthians 3:18** ... we all...are being **transformed into the same image** from glory to glory, just as by the **Spirit of the Lord.**

**Salvation/Sanctification/Glorification**