

letter to elect exiles

# FIRST PETER

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LIFE AND DEATH BY DIVINE APPOINTMENT

PSA.118:10-26/1PET.2:4-12

## 1) GOD APPOINTED CHRIST AS THE NEW STARTING POINT AT HIS RESURRECTION

**Acts 4:10-12** ... let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

## 2) CHRIST REVEALED AS CHOSEN AND PRECIOUS ONLY AT HIS RESURRECTION

## 3) GOD APPOINTED THOSE WHO WILL DISBELIEVE AND DISOBEY THE GOSPEL

**WLC 13: What hath God especially decreed concerning angels and men?**

God, by an eternal and immutable decree, out of his mere love, for the praise of his glorious grace, to be manifested in due time, hath elected some angels to glory; and in Christ hath chosen some men to eternal life, and the means thereof: and also, according to his sovereign power, and the unsearchable counsel of his own will, (whereby he extends or withholds favor as he pleases,) hath passed by and foreordained the rest to dishonor and wrath, to be for their sin inflicted, to the praise of the glory of his justice.

**2 Thes. 2:9-12** The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.