

YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP II

THE FOREKNOWLEDGE OF GOD

1 Peter 1

DEFINITION OF FOREKNOWLEDGE

"According to the foreknowledge of God..." 1 Peter 1:2

1. Greek word - Prognosis
 - a. Pro - Before hand
 - b. Gnosis - Knowledge
2. Aspects
 - a. It is divine
 - b. It is revealed
3. The hidden things that belong to God Cf. Deut. 29:29
 - a. They are not stated
 - b. They are still the secrets of the Lord

GOD'S FOREKNOWLEDGE OF WHAT HAPPENS IN LIFE

"To the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father,..." 1 Peter 1:1-2

"Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims..." 1 Peter 2:11

1. Definition
 - a. paroikos - Aliens, foreigner
 - b. parepidémos - stranger, sojourner
2. The Dispersion
 - a. Dispersion area - The above areas make up Asia Minor
 - b. The Christians were being persecuted by the Roman Authorities
 - c. They went through much suffering
3. Becoming Elect
 - a. Elect with reference to salvation
 - i Foreknowledge and predestination cf. Rom. 8:29
 - ii The elect would be saved
 - b. Elect with reference to suffering
 - i Called to go through suffering
 - ii Elect Pilgrims on this earth

4. Sojourners and pilgrims
 - a. Physical reality aspect
 - b. Spiritual aspect

PERSONAL APPLICATION

1. Development of trust in God for all things
2. Learning to live beyond this world