Election in 1 & 2 Peter: Always Corporate (collective)

In the Petrine Epistles, references to *election* are found in 1 Peter 1:1-2; 2:9, & 5:13; and in 2 Peter, solely in 1:10. It behooves us to look at each usage.

1 Peter 1:1-2, NKJ

¹ Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, ² elect according to $[\kappa\alpha\tau\dot{\alpha}, kata]$ the foreknowledge of God the Father, in $[\dot{\epsilon}v, en]$ sanctification of the Spirit, for $[\epsilon\dot{\iota}\varsigma, eis]$ obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.

✤ Note first of all: The pilgrims of the dispersion (mostly Jewish-Christians) are addressed as

-elect ones (plural): i.e., CHOICE or CHOSEN ones from _____ point of view.

Three prepositional phrases follow that indicate the involvement of the triune God in the salvific plan that results in becoming CHOICE or ELECT ones.

<u>FIRST</u>: Their (our) election is <u>IN ACCORD WITH</u> (the preposition is $\kappa \alpha \tau \dot{\alpha} / kata$) the ______* of God, the Father.

*foreknowledge (πρόγνωσις / prognosis) = to know beforehand. Foreknowledge is not causative.

<u>SECOND</u>: Their (our) election is *in* $(\epsilon v / en)$ or *by* sanctification of <u>Spirit</u>.

-election is by or in the sphere of the Holy Spirit's operational ministries.

-This involves His pre-salvation ministries as per Genesis 6:3; John 16:8.

<u>THIRD</u>: The preposition $\epsilon i \zeta$ / eis – *unto*: Our election coupled with the work of the Holy Spirit leads *unto* (eis) direct application of Christ's blood-death for our sins.

NOTE ONCE AGAIN: Salvific application begins with ______ of sins.

Two Perspectives of Salvation in Scripture

	Divine Perspective Includes	Human Perspective Includes
Past,	-Sovereign <u>purpose</u> (the plan), Romans 8:29	-Hearing the Gospel, Romans 10:17
before the	-Foreknowledge (His <u>attribute</u> : events, responses, effects), Romans 8:29	-Faith response, John 3:16; 20:31; Romans 10:9-10
founda- – tion of the	-Election (His choice, His <u>act</u>), Ephesians 1:4	-Knowledge, 1 John 5:11-13
earth	-Predestination (His <u>assurance</u> of our destiny), Romans 8:29	-Assurance, Job 19:25-27; 2 Timothy 1:12; 1 John 5:13
Happens	-Calling – involves our functional roles	as of Christ' body
	-Justification – God's declaration of every believer's, 2 Cor. 5:21	
	-Glorification – the ultimate destiny of every believer (determined by).	

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- One purpose of God making us ______ or *elect ones* is that we might make known His glorious essence, 1 Peter 2:9.
- ✤ God has *choice/elect ones* elsewhere: WE ARE NOT ALONE, 1 Peter 5:13.
- 2 Peter 1:10: It is imperative from God's point of view that every believer is responsible to make his/her calling and ______ certain/sure/firm. How does one do that? How does this conflict with Reformed Theology's doctrine of salvation?