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Topic: **Epistle of 1 Peter – Introduction and Our Salvation in Christ**

Scripture Text: 1 Peter 1:1-12

1. The Epistle of Peter is a general Epistle for all believers and especially addressed to those who were going through suffering and persecutions for their faith in Jesus Christ.
2. In verse 1, the believers were described as strangers as they were not in their homeland and scattered abroad. This is an apt description for believers as this earth is only a temporary place and our Home is in Heaven.
3. Despite persecutions and sufferings, Christians can still live a victorious and joyful life when we remember and know that we are God's children. This is the privilege and honour given by God for sinners saved in Jesus Christ. In the salvation of God, we must know how precious and great it is as we are elected and predestinated to be God's children even before the foundation of the world.
4. We need to have 3 Christian virtues in our lives: Faith, Hope and Love. As we are kept by the power of God, we can fully trust God and know His promises are true. We must also love God with all our heart.
5. When we suffer for Jesus Christ, we must know that our sufferings are only temporary so we will endure it for a season. God's Word also teaches us that there is a purpose for our sufferings to enable us to know God and cling on to Him. It is also our privilege to suffer for Christ for all that He has done for us to die and save us.