

Knowing and Going by God's Grace

1 Peter 1:1-2

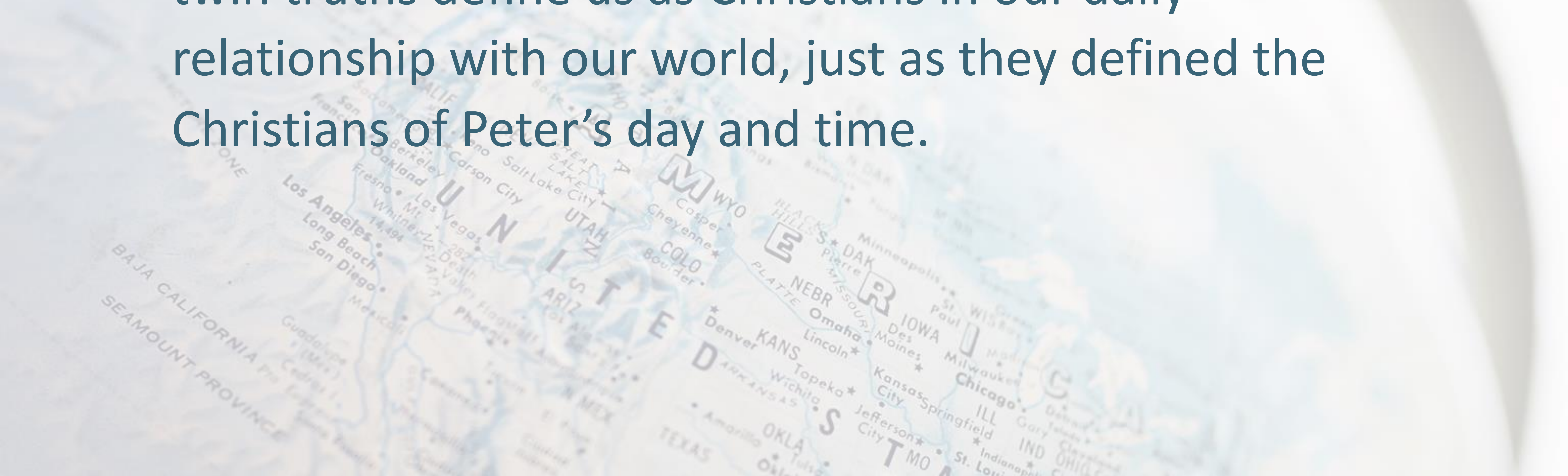
1 Peter Series: Holy Living in a Hostile Land

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What Peter says next frames his point for the entire letter: We are God's people living by God's grace. Those twin truths define us as Christians in our daily relationship with our world, just as they defined the Christians of Peter's day and time.



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The NASB chooses to place the emphasis of election this way, *To those who reside as aliens scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen...*

This structure attempts to connect and emphasize election more closely with the concepts of verse 2: *To those...who are chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father...*

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“Believers are exiles, not because they are displaced from their homeland. Many people in the Greco-Roman world no longer lived in their place of origin. Believers are exiles because they suffer for their faith in a world that finds their faith off-putting and strange.... They are not aliens literally; they are sojourners because they are elected by God, because their citizenship is in heaven rather than on earth.”

Dr. Thomas Schreiner



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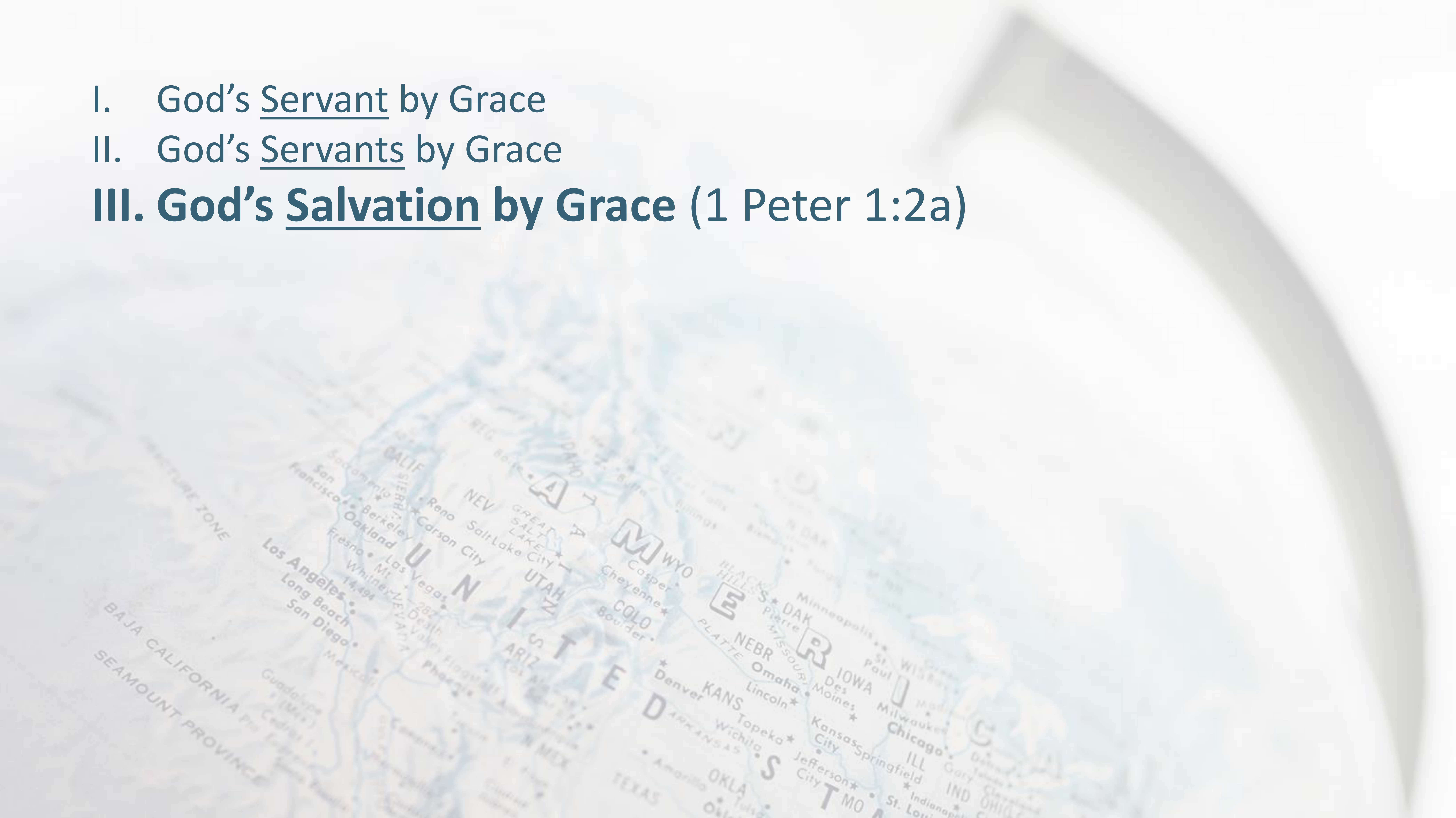
Believers are elect strangers scattered about because they **don't belong here**; as a believer, a God-chosen one, your home is in heaven, and you are being fit to live there for eternity.

That's the tension that you feel, that living in this world creates for you. The longer you walk with Jesus here, the more you will experience that tension and longing to go to your heavenly home.

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“Salvation foreknowledge, then, involves God predetermining to know someone by having an intimate, saving relationship, so choosing them from eternity past to receive His redeeming love.”

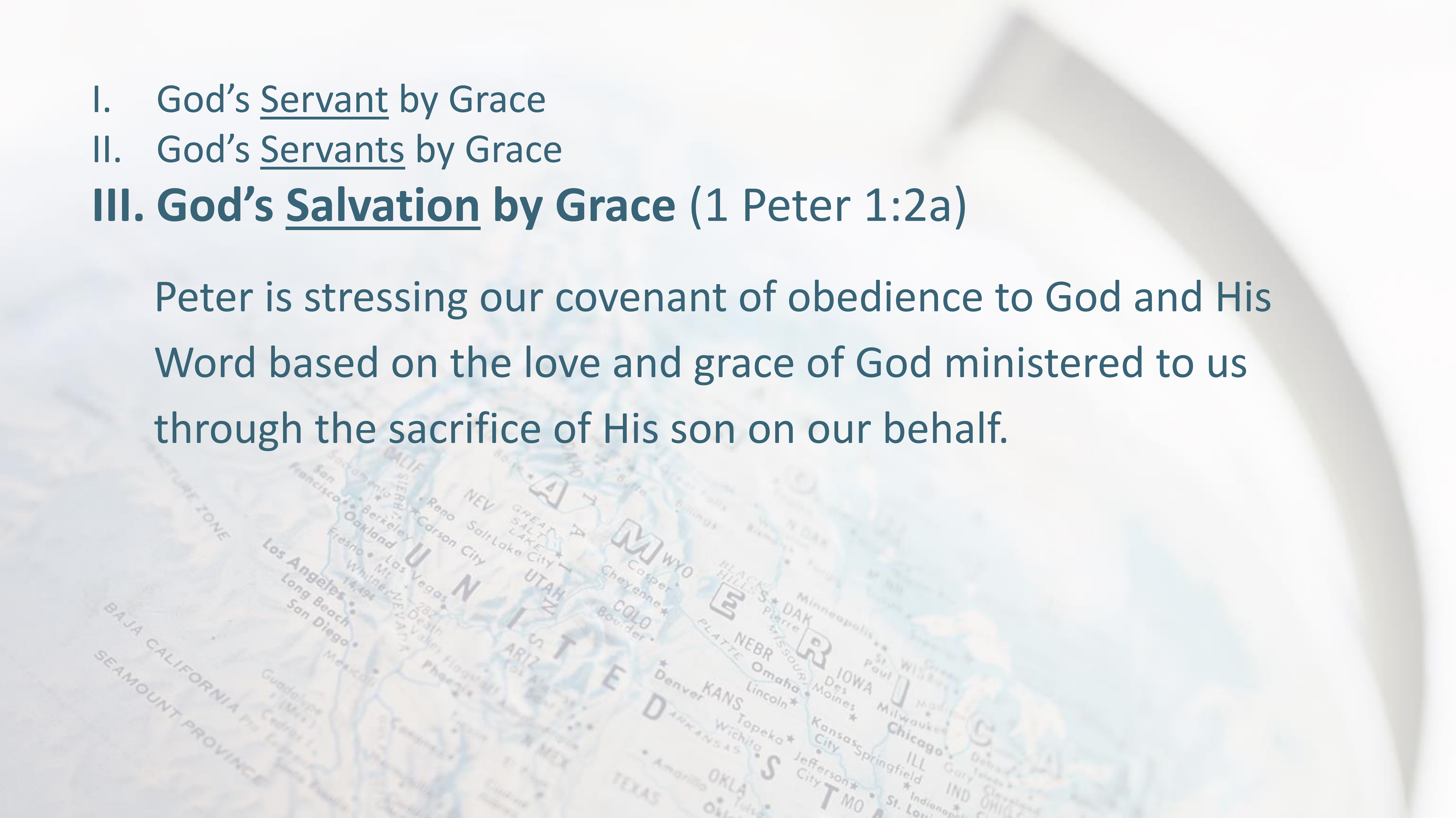
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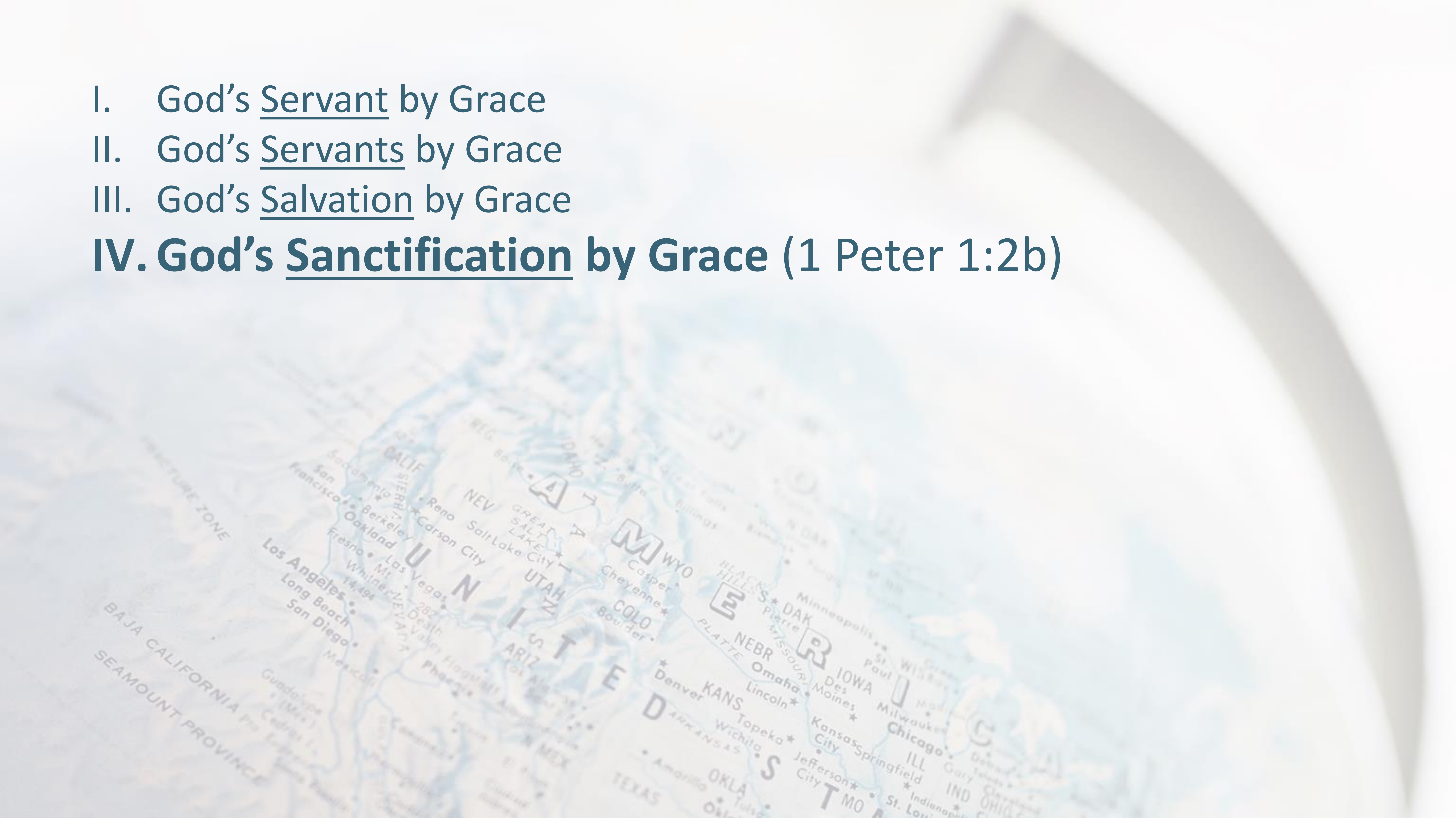
Through **Jesus' shedding His blood for us** as He hung in our place of execution on the cross, God promises to forgive us for our sins, past, present, and future, for eternity.

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IV. God's Sanctification by Grace (1 Peter 1:2b)





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