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I Peter 1:2

A.W. Tozer

"What a person thinks about God is the most important thing about that person"

Four truths—the Underpinning of a Rock-Solid Life (v. 2)

I. We've been chosen by God previously

Elect pilgrims

13 different times in the Old Testament, Israel is called the "chosen" or the "elect"

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You were picked before the foundation of the
world

I. We've been chosen by God previously

Ephesians 1:4

⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,

II. We are known completely—foreknowledge
of God

Compare God's knowledge to our knowledge

Our knowledge

Accumulated knowledge

Product of tedious learning

II. We are known completely—foreknowledge of God

Result of long research

Augmented by human experience

Subject to deterioration

II. We are known completely—foreknowledge
of God

God's knowledge

Immediate

Comprehensive

Without deterioration

II. We are known completely—foreknowledge of God

God never needs to research anything

You can never tell Him something that He
doesn't already know

He never forgets

II. We are known completely—foreknowledge of God

David was amazed at God's knowledge—

His omniscience (see Psalm 139)

The comfort: If God knows everything, then He
knows the worst about you and He loves you
anyway

III. We are growing constantly

God is making you a holy person—not perfect

You are becoming an increasingly obedient
person

"God loves you the way you are, but He loves you too
much to leave you that way" —Leighton Ford

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"You must be holy" (Leviticus 11:44)

"Pursue holiness, without which no one can see
the Lord" (Hebrews 12:14)

An excellent book, "The Pursuit of Holiness" by
Jerry Bridges

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How do you know if you're holy?

You hate what God hates (sin)

You love what God loves (righteousness)

When you sin you will have remorse and a desire to change (see Psalm 51)

Faith is the root of holiness

Obedience is the fruit of holiness

IV. We are blessed increasingly

Rejoice! *Chairó* in Greek

Peace! *Shalom* in Hebrew

Peter used grace and peace; more significant

You can never experience the peace of God until
you experience the grace of God

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God has given us a building code-
The Bible