Salutation: Greetings to the Reader.

1. The book was **penned** by the Apostle Peter. *Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ*
2. Peter was writing to **Jewish** believers. *Galatians 2:7-8*
   - A. They were **outsiders** in the places where they lived. *to the strangers*
   - B. They were **away** from their homeland. *Scattered*
   - C. They were in places where there were Gentile **churches**. *throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia.*
   - D. They were no longer in the **spotlight** of faith. *Romans 11:13-21*
3. This book is not written to a **group**, but to individuals.
4. This book is for every **believer**.
5. Peter states the identity in **Christ** of the reader.

**Ten Truths to Encourage the Lonely Believer:**

1. You are **chosen**. *Elect*
2. God **knows** you. *according to the foreknowledge*
3. God is your **Father**. *of God the Father*
4. You are **set apart** to God. *through sanctification*
5. You have God’s Holy **Spirit**. *of the Spirit*
6. You have a God-given **purpose**. *unto obedience*
7. Your **sins** are covered. *and sprinkling of the blood*
8. The Son of God is your **ally**. *of Jesus Christ*
9. God’s grace and peace are **abundant** for you. *Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied*
10. You have **believers** praying and pulling for you. *Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied*

*Jesus is the only and the all-sufficient Taker-away of your sin and mine.*

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