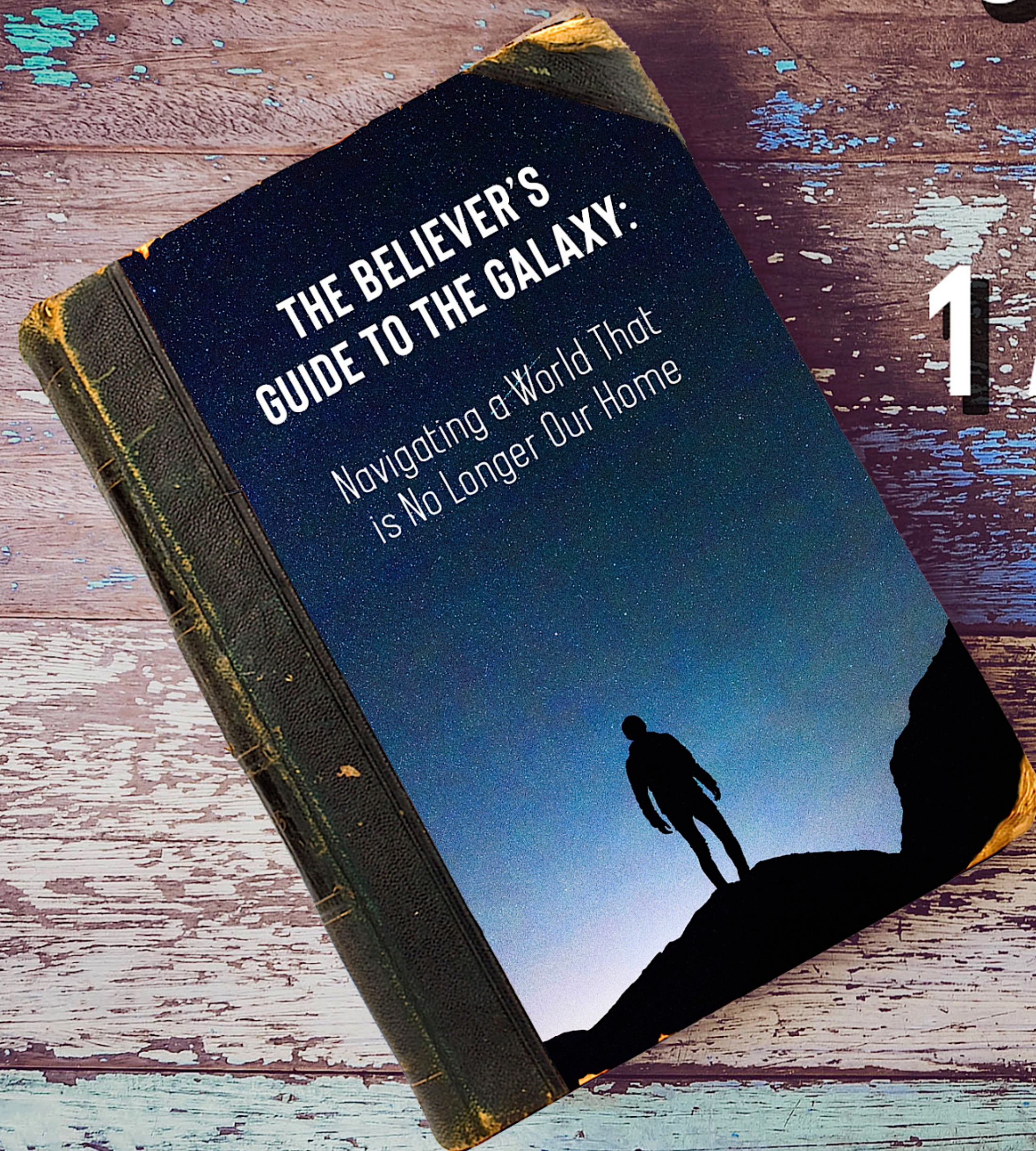


SERIES 2019: A STUDY IN 1 AND 2 PETER



1 Peter 3:15

**Always be prepared to give
an answer to everyone who
asks you to give the reason
for the hope that you have.**

1 Peter 5:7

**Cast all your anxiety on Him
because He cares for you.**

All the while failing to
wrestle with what it means
to be a foreigner right here
in Chambersburg because
of our faith in Christ.

First Peter waits to be discovered. It is not written in secret code or designed to be obscure, but its message remains hidden. Believers have their reasons for ignoring the book of Revelation with its symbols and images, but First Peter is as straightforward as it can be, reflecting the personality and method of its author. The letter and apostle are dynamic. Peter is immersed in the Great Commission, in the struggle for making disciples from every tribe and people group.

Douglas Webster; *"Outposts of Hope"*

Why is that?

**Why have we missed Peter's
message to the church in
these two letters?**

1 Peter 1:1-2

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Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and
Bithynia, who have been chosen according to
the foreknowledge of God the Father, through
the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be
obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with His
blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.



45AD-55AD

Pontus

Bithynia

Galatia

Asia

Cappadocia

Rome (aka: "Babylon")

63AD

Jerusalem (HQ)

33AD



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You have to know who you are.

**You have to know how
to respond.**

**You have to know where
you're headed.**

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Elect
Exiles
Scattered

Chosen

Aliens

Dispersed

Identity
Response
Future

Elect or Chosen

“[You] who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with His blood...” v. 2

**Is Peter writing just to
Jews, or to both Jews
& Gentiles?**

1 Peter 2:9-10

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Who we are is the result
of what God the Father,
the Son, and the Holy
Spirit is doing in our lives!

Who am I in Christ?

A special, chosen,
cleansed, forgiven,
set-apart child of God!

How do I respond
to this world?

This world is not your home!

Perepidēmos

"Exile" or "Sojourner"

*A rare term in the Bible, indicating
someone living in a foreign land.*

~ 1 Peter 2:11-12

In 1 Peter, the Christian believers
are alienated from a hostile society
whose values are at odds with
the teachings of Jesus.

Peter is calling us to think of
ourselves as immigrants, who are
socially disconnected from the
dominant culture.

What does the world value?

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What do followers of Christ value?

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1 Peter calls us to a transformed understanding of our identity, redefining how we live as a Christian in a world that is hostile to the basic principles and values of the gospel.

And not just hostile
in general —
but hostile towards US!

Exile (n)

: the state of being barred from one's native country, typically for political or punitive reasons.

"he knew now that he would die in exile"

**Which points us directly
to Jesus!**

**"The root of Christian self-
understanding as aliens and sojourners
lies not so much in the story of Abraham
and Sarah and the nation of Israel as it
does in the destiny of Jesus Christ,
His mission and His rejection which
ultimately brought Him to the cross."**

Miroslav Volf

Elect
Exiles
Scattered

Scattered

"Diaspora"

- *Jews living outside of Israel.*
- *The dispersion of any people from their original homeland.*

Peter is basically describing the church as a colony in a strange land...an island of one culture in the midst of another.

The new birth that gives us a new identity and a new citizenship in the kingdom of God —

MAKES US foreigners, aliens & exiles.

So...I wondered.

What would an actual
recipient of Peter's original
letter think when they heard
or read these words?



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PAPHLAGONIA

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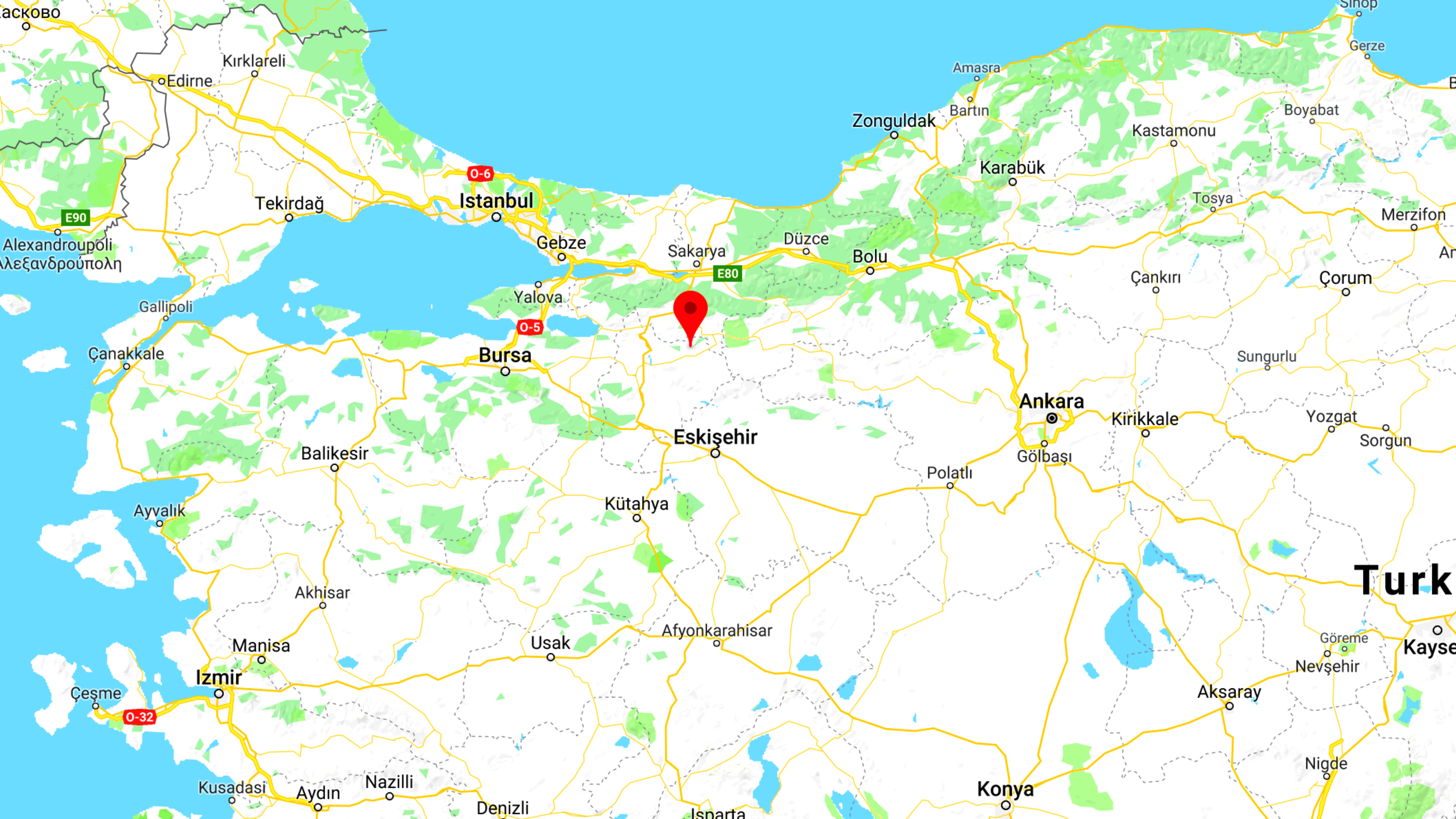
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Elizabeth from Yenipazar

What about you?

Do you believe what Peter
says about —

Who you are in Christ?

How you respond to the world?

What you believe is true about
your purpose & your future?

