

8. The adjective *ámōmos* also carries the idea of being unblemished, absent of defects. Because the believer is in union with Christ – positional sanctification – he is blameless.
9. What the believer is experientially is beside the point. In time, he is in the plan of God, all sins have been judged, and his positional status is vindicated by means of justification before the Supreme Court.
10. The conclusion from this is that all Christians are in the plan of God and that plan does not depend on the believer.
11. The status of blamelessness is verified by the following adverb **κατενώπιον (*katenó pion*)** which has a dual connotation.
12. *Katenó pion* may be translated “in the sight of God” which emphasizes phase two sanctification, the completion of the process by which the believer advances to the sophisticated spiritual life in time.
13. Secondly, it may be translated “in the presence of God” which emphasizes phase three sanctification, the believer in resurrection body minus the sin nature in the eternal state.
14. The adverb recognizes the present status of the believer during which he is “in the *sight* of God” and his future status during which he will be “in the presence of God.”
15. The prepositional phrase “In love” belongs at the beginning of verse 5.

Ephesians 1:4 - God elected us for Himself in Christ before the foundation [**creation**] of the world [**eternity past**], that we continue to be saints and blameless in His presence. (EXT)

16. This brings us back to our passage on the elect that make up the Pivot of Client Nations in the Church Age.

1 Peter 2:4 - And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God, (NASB)

1. The second chapter begins with those things that hinder the believer from having a positive impact on the on the Client Nation's Pivot:

1 Peter 2:1 - Get rid of all evil and all deceit, all hypocrisies and jealousies, and all slander. (EXT)

2. Such mental attitudes are not conducive to maintaining *exōterikē harmonía* in the body of Christ.
3. Conspiracies, cliques, factions, and discord destroy the harmony that should be a primary objective and responsibility of every Christian's daily *modus operandi*.
4. A Client Nation cannot efficiently function if the members of its Pivot are in Operation *Gang Aft Agley*.¹
5. If these attitudes and behaviors are habitual then those involved are functioning in an emotional revolt of the soul. These can only be eliminated by what is recorded in verse 2:

1 Peter 2:2 - As newborn babes, desire without deceit the pure nourishment of the Word so that you may grow spiritually as a result because of your salvation. (EXT)

1 Peter 2:4 - And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God, (NASB)

¹ A lyric from, "To a Mouse," by Robert Burns who wrote in the Scottish dialect of England. It is translated, "often go awry."