

LIVING IN EXILE

¹ Peter 2:11-17— Sojourners & Exiles

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Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

-1 Peter 2:11

I. NINE INDICATIVES & IMPERATIVES

Christ followers are:

1. Born again into a living hope - 1:3
2. Obtaining the outcome of our faith - 1:9
3. Living stones in a spiritual house - 2:5
4. A holy priesthood offering spiritual sacrifices - 2:5
5. A chosen race - 2:9
6. A royal priesthood - 2:9
7. A holy nation - 2:9
8. A people who are God's possession - 2:9
9. Those who have received God's mercy - 2:10

Christ followers do:

1. Put away sinful attitudes - 2:1
2. Seek spiritual growth in the word - 2:2
3. Never stop coming to Jesus - 2:4
4. Offer spiritual sacrifices to God through Christ - 2:5
5. Proclaim God's excellencies - 2:9
6. Abstain from the passions of the flesh - 2:11
7. Keep their conduct honorable among non-believers - 2:12
8. Subject themselves to legitimate authority - 2:12
9. Suffer on behalf of Christ - 1:7; 2:20

II. LIVING FREE AND DOING GOOD

- Good works, when seen, should cause people to praise God on account of us and ultimately say important things about us and God (Matt. 5:16; 1 Tim. 5:24-25).
- Question: What is God's will for my life? Answer: By doing good I put to silence ignorant people (vs. 15; Titus 2:7-8).
- Freedom in Christ is not a "do-what-I-want" card (1 Cor. 10:23).

KNOW: Living as sojourners and exiles means living as light and not darkness. Our conduct as believers counts; when we live properly, we cause glory to multiply to God, and it will be seen and vindicated when Christ returns.

DO: Put away all evil behavior and do good.

Suggested Reading:

Respectable Sins: Confronting the Sins We Tolerate, by Jerry Bridges

Pathway to Freedom: How God's Laws Guide Our Lives, by Alistair Begg

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please read 1 Peter 2:11-17

1. Our text for Sunday tells us that our passions wage war against our soul. How do they do that? What "passions" does Peter have in mind? How can our passions of the flesh harm us?
2. What are some strategies from Scripture for fighting against the passions that fight against us? (see for example 2 Cor. 10:4-6)
3. What is the difference between doing good works and "works righteousness," or earning salvation through good works? How can we tell the difference?
4. What could we learn and apply from vs. 13-17 this election season?
5. Look back at 1 Peter 1:14. Talk about how it relates to 1 Peter 2:11-12. What are the relationships, according to Peter, between our knowledge, our desires, and our behavior?
6. What are some direct points of application for you today from our text and message Sunday?