

1 Peter

Postcard to Elect Exiles

How Are We to Live in the Midst of Chaos?

Living Hope

I Peter 1:3-5

Inexpressible Joy

I Peter 1:6-9

Incomparable Fellowship

I Peter 1:10-12

Walk in Hope

I Peter 1:13

Walk in Holiness

I Peter 1:14-16

Walk in Fear

I Peter 1:17-21

Walk in Love

I Peter 1:22-2:3

Fulfill Your Purpose

I Peter 2:4-10

1 Peter 2:11

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

1 Peter 2:12

[12] Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

Walk With Honor

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How Do We Walk in Honor?

- ✦ By saying no to the passions of the flesh

v.11

- ✦ By saying yes to good works v.12

Passions of the Flesh in 1 Pet.

- ✦ In 4:2, 3 Peter will write:
- ✦ Live for the rest of your time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God. The time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry.

Saying No to The Flesh

- ✦ Understanding The Nature of the Flesh
 - ✦ Human propensity for sin
 - ✦ Existence Independent [apart] from God
 - ✦ Our “old nature” before coming to Christ when we were “in Adam” or “in the flesh.”

Saying No to The Flesh: Motivators

- ✿ We Are “Beloved” v.II
- ✿ We Are “Sojourners and Exiles” v.II
- ✿ We Are at War

Saying Yes to Good Works

- ✦ The Importance of Good Works
- ✦ Ephesians 2:10 states, “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

Saying Yes to Good Works

- ✿ Titus 2:7 reads, “Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works .”
- ✿ Titus 2:14 declares that Jesus redeemed us “to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works .”

Saying Yes to Good Works

- ✦ In Titus 3:8 Paul concludes his charge to Titus by saying, “I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works .”

Good Works in 1 Peter

- ✦ 1:15: “. . . as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct.”
- ✦ 2:15: “For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people.”

Good Works in 1 Peter

- ✦ “But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.”
- ✦ 3:6: “And you are her [Sarah’s] children, if you do good .”

Good Works in 1 Peter

- ✦ “3:11: “Turn away from evil and do good .”
- ✦ 3:13: “Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good ?”
- ✦ 3:16: “so that . . . those who revile your *good behavior* in Christ may be put to shame.”

Good Works in 1 Peter

- ✦ 4:19: “Therefore let those who suffer according to God’s will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good .”

Good Works in the Words of Jesus

- ✦ “In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good deeds and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

Saying Yes to Good Works

- ✿ Do Good Works
 - ✿ They are Good
 - ✿ They Overcome Suspicion
 - ✿ They Bring Glory to God