

FIRST PETER

The Christian's Life in Exile —Part 13

2:11-12— “An Honorable and Missional Life”—May 31, 2015

“Christians are a rare people on earth.”—Martin Luther

The Christian's Election and Exile—1 Peter 1:1-2

The Christian's Living Hope—1 Peter 1:3-12

The Christian's Life in Relation to God—1 Peter 1:13-2:3

The Christian's Position in the People of God—1 Peter 2:4-10

The Christian's Obligations as the People of God—1 Peter 2:11-3:12

Because Christians are God's people, our conduct in the various aspects of life should reflect this reality. This should be the worshipful response of Christians to God's saving grace but it is also a means that He uses to bring unbelievers to faith.

Living Honorable and Missional Lives—1 Peter 2:11-12

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

- This passage begins an extended look at the Christian's conduct within the surrounding culture.
- Peter's term of endearment for these Christians: _____

Peter's Warning:

ἀπέχω — *apecho*— A total and complete abstinence from something.

“...the passions of the flesh...”

⇒ These terms refer to that which is characteristic of _____ humanity.
(Gal. 5:19-21; 1 John 2:16)

Why?

⇒ These passions can destroy us.

How?

⇒ Recall our position in the world: _____

“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.”

Peter's Exhortation:

“Keep your conduct honorable...”

καλός—*kalos*—This term carries the idea of being _____ to look at.

“...the Gentiles...”

Why?

⇒ Because unbelievers will slander us.

⇒ However, God may bring some to faith.

What is Peter doing in this passage?

Peter wants Christians to recall who we are in relation to _____ and to the _____.

Peter wants to remind Christians that God's _____ should be the focus of our lives.

Peter wants Christians to understand the necessity of our _____ in the surrounding culture for the purpose of mission.