



Week 2

Sermon Series: Sojourners & Exiles: 1 Peter

Sermon Title: "The Foreigner's Life"

Sermon Text: 1 Peter 1:13-2:3

Group Week of: September 11, 2022

Sermon Date: September 18, 2022

Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies	
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Day 3	God's Judgement – Romans 2:1-16
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The Text: 1 Peter 1:13-21

¹³Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. ¹⁴As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. ¹⁵But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

¹⁷Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. ¹⁸For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. ²⁰He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

Textual Questions

- 1) What is the message God and Peter are speaking to the church in Asia Minor (and to you) through this passage?
- 2) Where does foreigner come up in this passage? How is it used? Why do you think it is used?
- 3) What is the ultimate ground or reason for the commands given in this text?

Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) The “therefore” of verse 1 builds upon verses 3-12. Go and review verses 3-12. Summarize these verses in a single sentence. Then, write out, “Therefore, _____” followed by an appropriate application for what is read in verses 3-12. Share this application with your life group and discuss as a group how the gospel creates therefore statements that we can live out.

- 2) Peter not only tells us to set our hope on the grace of Christ, but to do so with minds that are “fully alert and sober.”
 - i. Why is it important to be “fully alert and sober” when it comes to putting your hope in Christ?

 - ii. What are the things in your life that tend to keep you from being “fully alert and sober” in both a spiritual and cognitive sense?

- 3) Often, we do not make serious headway in growing in holiness as Christians because we feel the standard, God’s holiness, is so unattainable that it’s not worth attempting. In verse 14, we see that this is a process of conformity, rather than suddenly hitting the bar of God’s holiness. How does knowing that conforming to holiness is a process motivate you to pursue holiness? What area of your life might you surrender to Christ to conform you to His likeness this week?

- 4) Peter calls the church foreigners in verse 17. This is a call back to the time of Abraham. How did Abraham live in relation to God and in relation to the people around him? How does Peter apply that to the church in these verses?

- 5) If the foreigner identity isn’t written on our minds and hearts, we will, without thinking, adopt the ways of the world.
 - i. What are some ways that Christians in America fail to live out the foreigner identity and become too much like the people around them?

 - ii. What are some ways that you fail to put on the foreigner identity and become like the people around you?

- 6) In verse 18, Peter grounds all these instructions, once again, in the gospel. Meditate for at least 5 minutes on those verses, and write out how they motivate you to follow through on the commands given in verses 13-17. Share that motivation with your life group.