

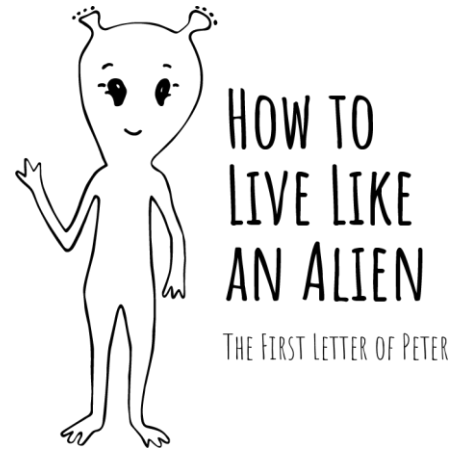
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## How to Live Like an Alien The First Letter of Peter

### No. 12 – Keeping Our Conduct Honorable as God's People, pt. 2

1 Peter 2:13-17

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#### Review

The apostle Peter, writing to Christians who are both *elect* and *exiles*, encourages them to live faithfully...

- Praise God for Our Salvation (1:3-12)
- Set Our Hope on God (1:13-21)
- Grow in God's Word (1:22-2:3)
- Being Built Up as a Spiritual House (2:4-8, 9-10)
- Keeping Our Conduct Honorable as God's People (2:9-10, 11-12)

#### No. 12 – Keeping Our Conduct Honorable, pt. 2

1 Peter 2:13-17

ESV **1 Peter 2:** <sup>13</sup> Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, <sup>14</sup> or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. <sup>15</sup> For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. <sup>16</sup> Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. <sup>17</sup> Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

Our **identity** (2:9-10) determines our **conduct** (2:11-12)...

Our conduct entails a two-fold approach—stay away from (**abstain**) and go after (**honorable conduct**)...

*But what does 'honorable conduct among the gentiles' look like?*

'Be subject...' (v. 13)

2:18

3:1

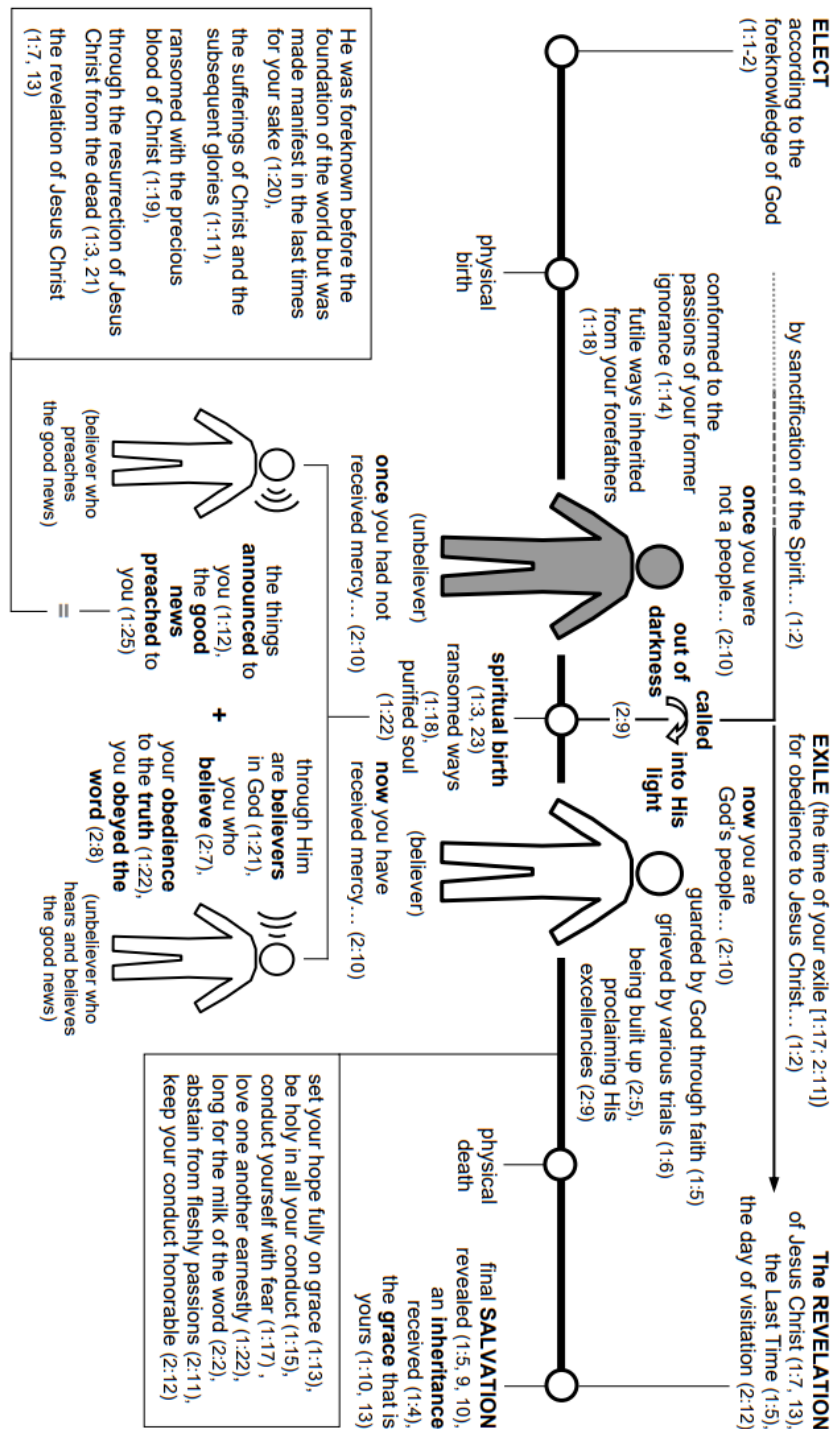


Diagram of a Believer's Salvation Timeline from 1 Peter 1:1-2:12

‘...to every human institution’

but living as servants of God

### **Keeping our conduct honorable as God’s people...**

**BY being subject to every human institution** (vv. 13-17)

**‘Be subject...’** (v. 13)

**‘to every human institution...’** (v. 13)

**WHY?** (vv. 13-15)

- because of the Lord

- because of their position and purpose

- because of God’s will

**HOW?** (vv. 15-17)

- by doing good

- by living as free slaves

be subject...as people who are free

not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil

- by relating to everyone according to their position

honor everyone

love the brotherhood

fear God

honor the emperor

### **This passage (2:13-17)...**

...is an ethical encouragement to all believers

...emphasizes, as a general rule, ordered living and respectful attitude toward society’s authorities and standards

...applies universally, but most certainly looks different in different societies

...functions as a call for believers to live distinctively Christian lives within their societies, while prioritizing their commitment to their own Christian community

### **We should approach this passage’s instruction...**

...careful to avoid undue exceptions or qualifiers

...out of our identity before God, first and foremost

...as a responsibility that will have consequences no matter what

...understanding that position entails treatment