HOW TO LIVE LIKE AN ALIEN THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER

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No. 11 – Keeping Our Conduct Honorable as God's People, pt. 1

1 Peter 2:9-10, 11-12

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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)

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1 Peter 2:9-10, 11-12

ESV 1 Peter 2: <sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup> 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.

IDENTITY—who we are as believers in Jesus Christ (vv. 9-10)
CONDUCT—how we are to live as believers in Jesus Christ (vv. 11-12)

## Keeping our conduct honorable as God's people...

Identity (vv. 9-10)

'BUT you...' (v. 9)

those who do not believe (vv. 7-8)

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you who believe (vv. 4-7)
  'are...' (v. 9)
                       (See also, Exodus 19:6; Isaiah 43:20-21; Hosea 2:25)
    - a chosen race
    - a royal priesthood
    - a holy nation
   - a people for his own possession
    Why?
   that you may proclaim...' (v. 9)
  'once you were not a people, but now you are God's people...' (v. 10
    - a people
    - receiving mercy
Conduct... (vv. 11-12)
  'Beloved, I URGE you...' (v. 11)
    as sojourners and exiles
  'ABSTAIN...'
   from the passions of the flesh...
      passions
                                                (See also, 1:14; 2:11; 4:2, 3)
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flesh

(See also, 1:24; 2:11; 3:18, 21; 4:1, 4, 6)

Why?
which wage war against your soul...

'KEEP YOUR CONDUCT HONORABLE...' (v. 12)
among the Gentiles...

Why?

So that...

- when they speak against you as evildoers...
- they may see your good deeds...
- and glorify God...
- on the day of visitation...