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Christians Are...
A Sermon Series In 1 Peter

Overview: In the letters of Peter we find no mere spiritual suggestions, but divine truths, warnings, and commands meant to give hope. He writes not to a loose collection of spiritually minded individuals but to “a royal priesthood, a holy nation” (1 Pet. 2:9) a living temple created to beam its collective, glorious hope into darkened surroundings. Peter identifies his audience as exiles who, in their various sufferings, possess the hope of Jesus’ return, which is to motivate faithful living in the present.

Peter exhorts the exiles to aim not for cultural relevance or dominance but for faithfulness to Jesus. He reminds his readers that gospel hope produces an enduring optimism that shines through issues of personal holiness, attitudes toward authority, interpersonal ethics, and perseverance in suffering. Second Peter and Jude tighten the screws on deceitful teachers and their doctrines while lifting up the truth of God’s Word. They anticipate the return of Christ as a time of great judgment and salvation. Amid these heavy themes, Peter and Jude repeatedly remind their readers that their only hope rests in Jesus’ promised return, which will one day bring us, and all creation, into the full glory we can only taste now. Until Jesus’ return, the church is to live together as chosen pilgrims, loving one another and contending for the truth as a distinct witness to the glory of God in the risen Christ.¹

Author: Apostle Peter (1:1)

Theme: Remember our identity in the world – those who are strangers (exiles).

Theme Expanded: It’s only by remembering who we are, as exiles, that we can honor Christ in a world that considers our beliefs odd, strange, out of step, and even deserving persecution

The Message Of 1st Peter: In 1st Peter, the chosen people of God are called, as exiles, to hope in their future salvation, to glorify God in a hostile world, and to stand firm in God’s grace as they/we endure suffering.

Sermon Schedule:

Week 1: 1 Peter 1:1-2 “... Exiles”	Week 10: 1 Peter 3:8-12 “...Suffers Part 1”
Week 2: 1 Peter 1:3-9 “...Blessed”	Week 11: 1 Peter 3:13-22 “...Suffers Part 2”
Week 3: 1 Peter 1:10-12 “...Graced”	Week 12: 1 Peter 4:1-6 “...Prepared For Judgement”
Week 6: 1 Peter 2:4-10 “...Chosen”	Week 13: 1 Peter 4:7-11 “...Self-Controlled”
Week 7: 1 Peter 2:11-17 “...Submissive Part 1”	Week 14: 1 Peter 4:12-19 “...Tested”
Week 8: 1 Peter 2:18-25 “...Submissive Part 2	Week 15: 1 Peter 5:1-5 “...Biblical Leaders”
Week 9: 1 Peter 3:1-7 “...Called To Be Godly Spouses”	Week 16: 1 Peter 5:5-14 “...Humble”

¹ “Knowing the Bible: 1-2 Peter and Jude,” Jonathan K. Dodson, <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/course/knowning-the-bible-1-2-peter-and-jude/#week-1-overview>