

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Epistle of 1 Peter

1 Peter Ch.2, Verse 21 (NIV):

To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in His steps.

ILLUSTRATION

“Hope”



BACKGROUND

The Perspective of Peter

- Peter followed the Lord Jesus as His Disciple
- The “Boldness” of Peter
- Peter denied the Lord Jesus
- A “different” and “peculiar” Peter

1 Peter Ch.2, Verse 9 (KJV):

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, **a peculiar people**, that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

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A “Peculiar” People:

- Greek word used: “Possession”
- New King James Version: “God’s Special People”
- NIV: “God’s Special Possession”

1 Peter Ch.1, Verse 1 & 2 (NIV):

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia.

Who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with His blood. Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

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“I Can’t Feel at Home In This World Anymore”

This world is not my home, I am just passing through
My treasures are laid up, Somewhere beyond the blue
The Angels beckon me, From Heaven’s open door
And I can’t feel at home, In this world anymore

Just over in Gloryland, We’ll live eternally
The saints on every hand, Are shouting victory
Their songs of sweetest praise, Drift back from Heaven’s shore
And I can’t feel at home, In this world anymore.

-Jim Reeves

Questions of Application:

- **“As Exiles”**: How have our desires and ambitions changed?
- **“As Exiles”**: How are our words and actions different?
- **“As Exiles”**: What kind of picture do we give to people all around of Jesus?

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Peter's "Beginning Thoughts":

- We are God's "Elect" and "Chosen" People
- We are "sprinkled with the blood of Christ"
- Our hearts are being changed through the "sanctifying work of the Spirit"
- We are "Exiles", looking for our home in Heaven.