

FAITH FOR EXILES

Studies in 1 Peter

Sermon Outline
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Holy Nation

1 Peter 2:1-10

Every Christ follower's challenge:

Living a life that honors God
in world that _____.

**Christ followers do not view this world as
their home because they understand that
their citizenship is now in _____.**

Philippians 3:20 - But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ...

Citizenship is connected to _____.

**Beginning life as a Christ follower is often
associated with _____ birth.**

1 Peter 1:23 - For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

John 3:3 - Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.

**Becoming a citizen of heaven changes both the
way you _____ AND the way you _____.**

1 Peter 2:11-12a - Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. Live such good lives...

**Being holy should not be misconstrued
with acting _____.**

In relation to architecture, a cornerstone is traditionally the first stone laid for a structure, with all other stones laid in reference.

1 Peter 2:21 - To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

**Christ followers live with the tension of being _____
the world while not becoming _____ the world.**

James 4:4 - You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.

Romans 12:2a - Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

**Peter identifies some fascinating
descriptors for Christ followers:**

*Living stones, holy and royal priesthood, chosen people,
holy nation, God's special possession, the people of God.*

**We're special, not because of _____
in us but because of _____ in us.**

**Christ followers need to constantly _____
themselves that this world is not their home.**

Philippians 1:21-23 - For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far...

Questions to consider:

1. As a Christ follower, do I function more like a thermostat (exerting influence on the culture) or more like a thermometer (simply reflecting the culture)?
2. How closely does my life align with Christ?
3. What do I need to do or put in place to help remind myself that my citizenship is ultimately in heaven?