



1 Peter

2:4-12



1 Peter

Two big questions Peter is answering:

1. Why is God letting these bad things happen?
2. How are we supposed to live in the midst of the bad things?

1 Peter

Two big questions Peter is answering leads to a new question...

Won't living that way make us stick out?

Peter's answer:

Yes - and you should! Because...

Main Idea

Jesus totally changes our identity, which totally fulfills our desires.

Identity shifts

1. Jesus makes us priests (2:4-8)
2. Jesus makes us family (2:9-10)
3. Jesus makes us exiles (2:11-12)

From peasants to priests (2:4-8)

Verse 4: “As you come to him” - an ongoing action, not a one-time thing

Everything in verses 4-12 depends on us coming to Jesus over and over

From peasants to priests (2:4-8)

Peter's mixing metaphors in verse 5:

You are the stones of the temple

You are temple itself

You are the priests in the temple

From peasants to priests (2:4-8)

Jesus as the “Cornerstone” -

The foundation of the new spiritual house

Jesus as the “Capstone” -

The “glue” of the new spiritual house

From orphans to family (2:9-10)

9 Chosen people, royal priesthood, holy nation, a people belonging to God...

Reward: Each of these words met a deep desire of a Gentile reader. God's adoption meets our deepest desires

From orphans to family (2:9-10)

9...that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Reason: We've been adopted to praise God's name to others and make him known.

From citizens to exiles (2:11-12)

11 Dear friends, I urge you, as strangers and exiles in the world...

From citizens to exiles (2:11-12)

11 Dear friends, I urge you, as strangers and exiles in the world...

Jesus makes us exiles.

The balance of being “in” the world and not “of” the world

From citizens to exiles (2:11-12)

Two commands in 11-12:

- Abstain from sinful desires
- Live unusually good lives

Reason: That people may see and glorify God when they criticize us

Applying the passage today

What's your next step as a stone?

What's a step out of your comfort zone?