

**LIFE IN EXILE**

SUSTAINED BY HOPE IN A HOSTILE WORLD

1 Peter - Part 22

**LIFE IN BABYLON**

*Living Faithfully in a Fallen and Fractured Society*

(1 Peter 5:12-14; Romans 1:18-32)

**INTRODUCTION:**

**1A. THE \_\_\_\_\_ :** (1 Peter 5:12)

“...this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it!”

- Remembering Peter's \_\_\_\_\_.

**1B. Our \_\_\_\_\_ :**

“To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion...” (1:1, 2; ESV)

- We are, at one and the same time, the most \_\_\_\_\_ (exiles)  
and the most \_\_\_\_\_ (elect) people on earth.

**2B. Our \_\_\_\_\_ :**

“...to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time,....” (1:4, 5)

- The \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ are both secure.  
And this eschatological \_\_\_\_\_ which is grounded in the resurrection of  
Jesus Christ is more than sufficient reason to \_\_\_\_\_!

**3B. Our \_\_\_\_\_ :**

“In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials...” (1:6-9)

- This hope— this future aspect of our salvation— is not only \_\_\_\_\_,  
grounded in the resurrection of Jesus, but also \_\_\_\_\_,  
keeping us in the midst of the most intense \_\_\_\_\_ that  
tests and proves our \_\_\_\_\_.

4B. Our \_\_\_\_\_ :

“And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is **choice and precious in the sight of God**, you also, as living stones, **are being built up as a spiritual house** for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” (2:4, 5)

- We are members of a new and greater spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ built \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ. And understanding who we are in this new undertaking must, of necessity, shape how we \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ as exiles.

2A. THE \_\_\_\_\_ : (1 Peter 5:13)

“**She who is in Babylon,...**”

- Remembering Peter's \_\_\_\_\_.
- **IN A FALLEN AND FRACTURED SOCIETY... (ROMANS 1:18-32)**
  - Two things are clearly contrasted in this preparatory section to the presentation of the gospel: The \_\_\_\_\_ of God and the \_\_\_\_\_ of Man; the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.

1B. We must \_\_\_\_\_ God's \_\_\_\_\_ above the \_\_\_\_\_.

“For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they **became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened**. Professing to be wise, they became fools,....” (1:21, 22)

2B. We must \_\_\_\_\_ God's \_\_\_\_\_ against the \_\_\_\_\_.

“And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to **do those things which are not proper,...** ...and **although they know the ordinance of God**, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, **they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.**” (1:28-32)

3B. We must \_\_\_\_\_ God's \_\_\_\_\_ amidst the \_\_\_\_\_.

“...and **exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God** for an image in the form of **corruptible man** and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.” (1:23)

“...and **worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator**, who is blessed forever. Amen.” (1:25b)

CONCLUSION: