



📖 1 Peter 1:1-2 📖 April 7, 2024

! ? What makes you think you are a Christian?

We need to be able to answer this in a micro and macro level

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The greeting and location and author is presented here, but it applies to us here in Hastings too.

If you are a believer, nothing should keep you from being baptized.

There are believers who are getting baptized all over the world who it costs them something, but for us it doesn't .

Things we have to wrestle with:

⚠️ Media

What media are you going to allow into your home?

What messages will we allow to shape our identities.

⚠️ Politics

We can't preach political points or parties than be a real Christian

⚠️ Youth sports

It's all encompassing

It will demand your worship

⚠️ Technology

Everything is a click away

Advancing AI technology

We have to filter everything through the gospel and what it looks like today..

What does this look like for us?

1. Selected

You have been selected but so has your neighbor,

We must believe in a dual citizenship membership.

Horizontal (your country, your city, the people around you) vs. vertical citizenship (with your Heavenly Father, body of Christ, members of the Kingdom of God)

What is my responsibility to share the gospel, to believe in miracles, to pray boldly

2. Sanctified

You have been made holy

This is the primary work of the Holy Spirit inside of you

Christian Growth is not this: a straight line up

Christian Growth is more of a squiggly line

The sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit in us is what's pulling us along

📖 Matthew 16- who do you think I am?

Vs 16,18,23

3. Sprinkled

Hebrews 9

There is only power in the blood of Jesus without him none of this is worth it

We have been and are being sanctified, our father doesn't see sin or failures