

ALIEN LIFE

1 PETER

SERIES OVERVIEW

"If we find in ourselves a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, then it must be that we were made for a different world." -C.S. Lewis

Have you ever found life difficult, or this world to be a challenging place to live and belong? 1 Peter encourages us to take hold of the hope and power that we have because of Jesus. Keep going, home is closer than you think.

MAIN TEXT

1 Peter 1:1-12, 1 John 2:15

GETTING STARTED

What are your goals or resolutions for 2020?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Have you ever traveled somewhere or been in a situation where you felt like a foreigner? Where was it and what was it like?
2. a.) Where do your beliefs collide with the culture you live in? How have you responded to that tension? b.) Persecution comes in stages: Stereotyping, Vilifying, Marginalizing, Criminalizing, Persecution. Have you experienced any of these?
3. Read 1 Peter 1:1. Behavior doesn't come from legislation, it comes from relationship and identity. Rules without relationship create rebellion. Where have you seen this? What is our identity and relationship with God?
4. Read 1 Peter 1:3-4. Christians tend to focus either too much on living in heaven later, or on living in this world now. How can each of these focuses be problematic? What is a healthy focus?
5. Read 1 Peter 1:6-7. How are trials a good thing for us to experience? Have you experienced going through a trial and benefiting from that experience?

6. Read 1 John 2:15. When we become desensitized to sin, we blend into the world around us and lose our influence. Where have you become desensitized to sin? Where, in your life, do you need to stand apart from the world you live in?

NEXT STEPS

Living as aliens means we don't focus primarily on where we are, temporarily, but on where we will be eternally.

What has more influence on your mind and emotions, a temporary season of life or eternal life with Jesus?

How can you focus more on your eternal security this week?

DAILY READING

- 1 Peter 1:1-2 (Chosen Children)
- 1 Peter 1:3-5 (Unquestionable Hope)
- 1 Peter 1:6-7 (Enduring With Joy)
- 1 Peter 1:8-9 (Love, Trust, Joy)
- 1 Peter 1:10-12 (Good News)

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