

**You're Not From
Around Here**

1 Peter

Introduction

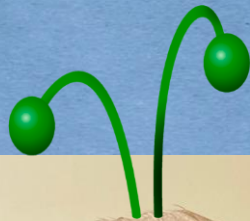


Things to Consider about Not Belonging

**Why am I here,
right now?**

1 Cor. 6:19-20

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore, glorify God with your body.



**John Stroud,
you are NOT
of this world!**

1 Peter 2:11

Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul.

John 15:18-19

“If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

John 17:14

“I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.”

John 18:36

Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.”

1 John 2:15-17

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

Romans 12:2

**Do not be conformed to this world,
but be transformed by the renewal
of your mind, that by testing you
may discern what is the will of
God, what is good and acceptable
and perfect.**

Colossians 3:2

**Set your minds on things that
are above, not on things that are
on earth.**

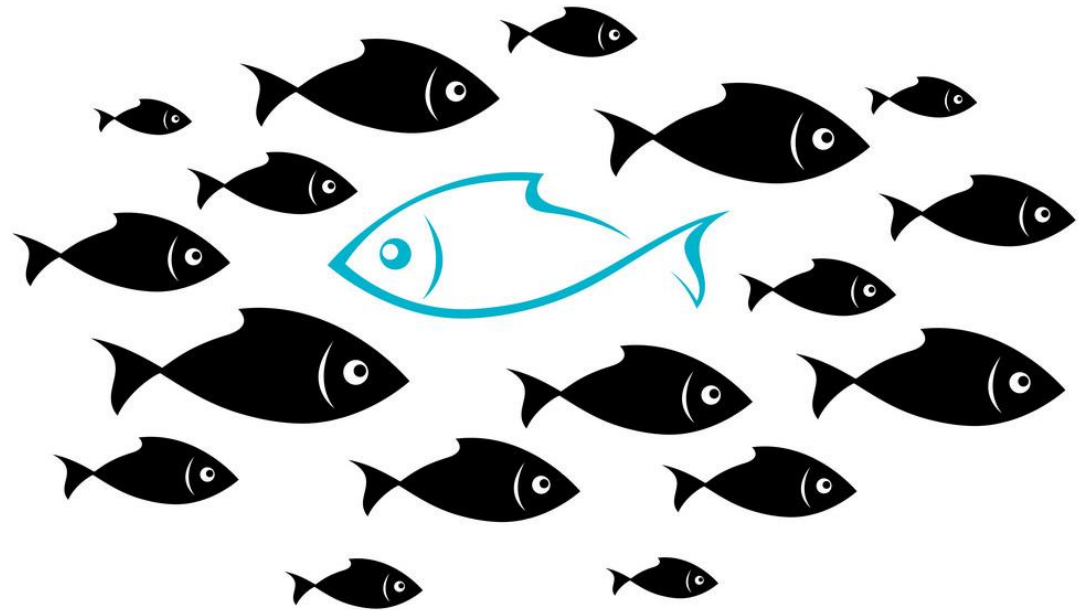
Ephesians 2:19-20

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.



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Things to Consider About Being Different

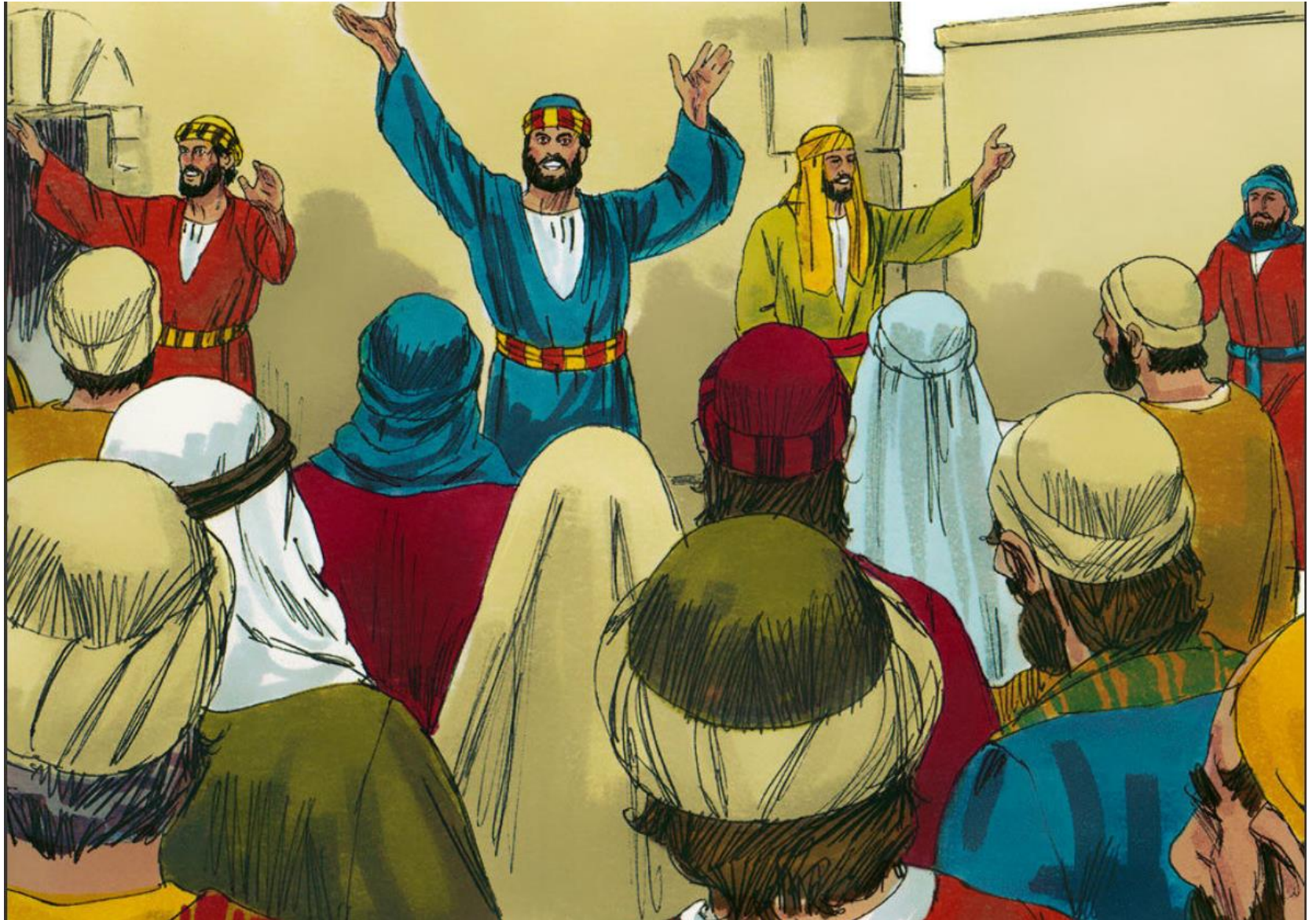


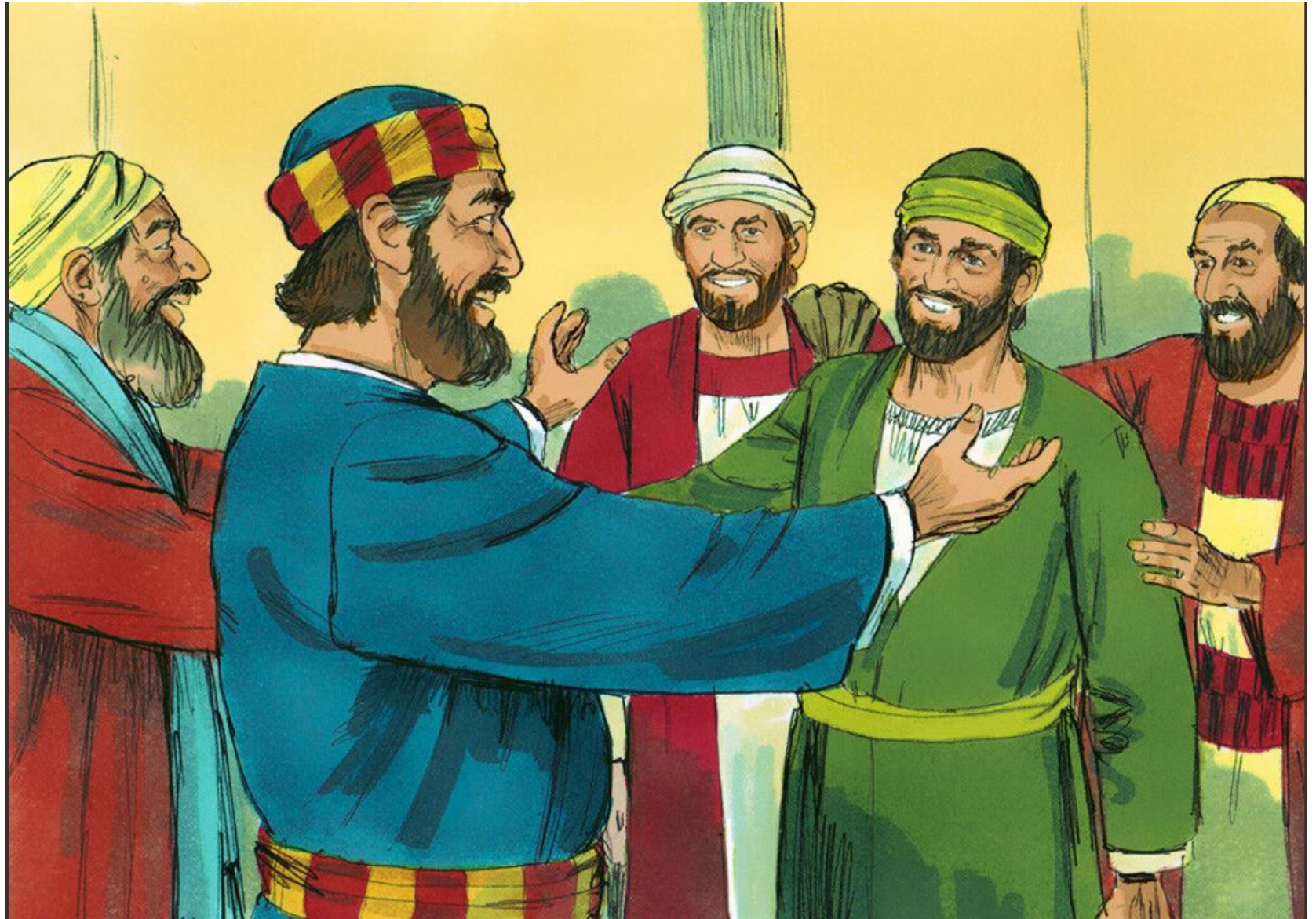


Peter, the Author of the Letter









Peter, the Author of the Letter

1 Peter 1:1a

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

the land for three and a half years,
until he ploughed and the heavens gave rain,
and the earth produced its crops.
My brothers, if one of you should wander

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from the truth and someone should bring
back, ²⁰remember this: Whoever turns a
ner from the error of his way will save a
soul from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

1 Peter

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strangers in the world, scat-
tered in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia,
who have been chosen ac-
cording to the foreknowledge of God the Fa-
ther by the sanctifying work of the Spir-
it through water by the word of Christ and sprinkling

of the things that have now been
preached to those who have preached the
good news of the Holy Spirit sent from
heaven to you to bring you to glory
long to look into the

Be Holy

The Letter's Original Recipients

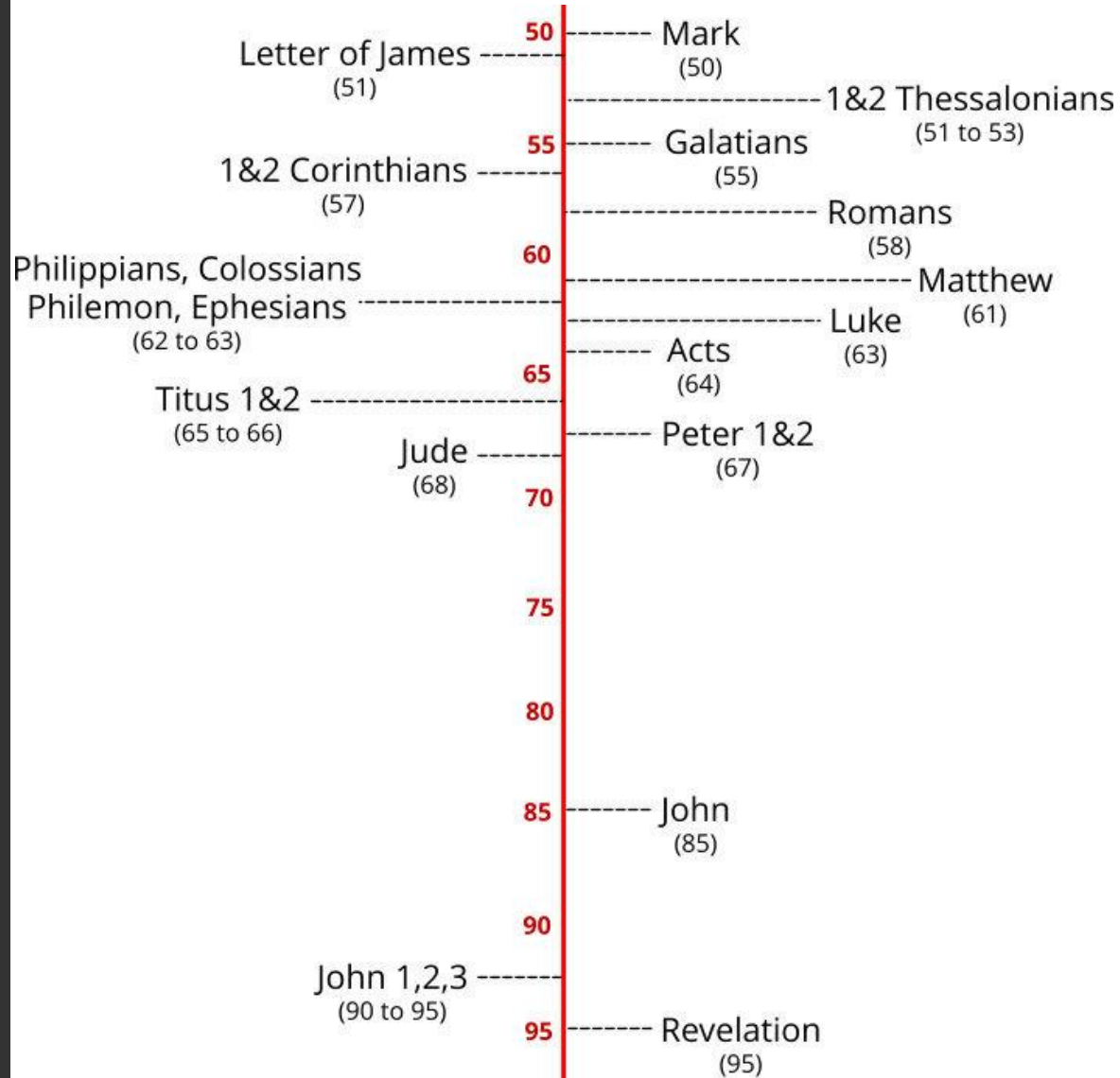
1 Peter 1b – 2a

To God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood

The Letter's Original Recipients



The Time of the Letter



A Few Facts

- **Matthew, John and Peter** are the only 3 of the original 12 apostles to write NT books.
- Of all the writings in the New Testament, this letter has **proportionately** the most Old Testament quotations.
- Some form of the word **“suffer”** appears 15 times in the letter.
- Every chapter speaks of **suffering** in some way.

The Topics of the Letter

- The Reality of Our Salvation
- The Nature of Our Christian Maturity – living out our true identity in an unholy world.
- Walking by the Spirit – in a world that follows the spirit of this age.
- The Certainty of Christ's Return
- Willingness to Suffer Graciously – whether criticism, hardship or all out persecution for our faith.

About the Letter

“Peter’s pastoral letter encourages us by instructing us. Our deepest needs drive us to our deepest beliefs. What hope do we have? Peter proclaims Jesus Christ, our sure hope now and for ever.

About the Letter

“Throughout his letter he grounds our hope in the reality of what God has done and will yet do for us through Christ. The apostle is a witness, not just to what Jesus did and said while he was in his fishing boat or in his house, but to the meaning of Christ’s life, death, resurrection, and ascension.”

About the Letter

The theme of the book is suffering. The Christians were now undergoing increasingly intense suffering and needed to be instructed and encouraged in light of this suffering.

They needed to understand that suffering is a normal part of the Christian life and that it was a way to relate to the suffering of Jesus, which Peter had witnessed personally.

The Lessons of the Letter

- We can persevere while suffering persecution.
- We can be full of HOPE.
- We are already enjoying peace and union with God (NOW).
- We endure because we are in Christ.

How does this apply to us today?

“Since scorn and contempt are slow-working acids that corrode individual and communal identity, social alienation should not be viewed as a trivial form of suffering. Persecution may bring death, but the martyr has the advantage of dying with meaning. Societal scorn, however, threatens meaning and identity.”

How does this apply to us today?

It is my strong personal conviction that every believer should think this through and identify the truths in Scripture that will guide them through experiences of persecution, suffering, illness, loss, and dying.

HOMEWORK

Develop a theology of persecution, suffering, loss and dying.

Use the Scripture to guide you in answering these questions.

HOMework

- What are some of the things that became true of you when believed in Jesus and received His gift of salvation by grace?
- Does the Scripture promise that believers in Jesus will not experience persecution? Suffering? Loss? Death of the physical body?

HOMework

- What does the Bible say that hardships and difficulties DO for the believer?
- What can the believer count on with absolute certainty when he/she is going through persecution? Suffering? Loss? Death of the physical body?
- What does the believer have regarding the future, even if the future includes persecution, suffering, loss, or death of the physical body?

HOMework

- Where can the believer turn during experiences of persecution, suffering, loss, or death of the physical body?
- How do you think Christ in you would desire to respond toward others during experiences of persecution? Suffering? Loss? Death of the physical body?

**Grace and peace be
yours in
abundance!**

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Use the Scripture to guide you in answering these questions.

1. What do we know about God's nature/character?
2. What do we know about God's desires and goals for the whole world? For believers?
3. What has God done in Christ on behalf of the world?
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