

Resident Aliens: Hope on Foreign Ground

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1 Peter 1.1-12
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Resident Aliens: Heavenly Citizens on Temporary Visas

"Earth calls you exiles; heaven calls you elect."

Guarded by God: The Ultimate in Home Security

"While worldly dreams expire; God guarantees your future."

Bringing the Necessary But Hated Heat

"Trouble uncovers what you truly trust."

Unseen Savior, Unshakeable Joy

"Joy explodes when the unseen Christ becomes undeniable."

Old Testament Hunger, New Testament Headline

"Prophets searched for it; angels envied it; you live in it."

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

1. **(1 Pet. 1:1–2):** How does Peter balance "exile" and "elect"? Why is it essential for a believer to hold both of these realities at the same time?
2. **(1 Pet. 1:3–5):** What sets the believer's inheritance apart from worldly security, and how does God actively guard both the inheritance and the believer?
3. **(1 Pet. 1:10–12):** Why did Old Testament prophets and even angels look at the Gospel with such intense curiosity? What makes our current position in history so privileged?

Knowing & Experiencing Christ

4. **(1 Pet. 1:8–9):** Peter mentions loving and believing in Christ without physically seeing Him. What does it practically look like in your daily life to have a personal, lived experience of Jesus?
5. **(1 Pet. 1:8):** How does abiding in Christ produce an "inexpressible and glorious joy" that persists even when your circumstances are painful and haven't changed?
6. In what ways does knowing Jesus as your true anchor change the way you respond to feeling out of place or misunderstood by the culture around you?

Personal Reflection & Application

7. Think of a time when a "worldly dream" expired or let you down. How did that moment redirect your trust toward God's guaranteed future?
8. **(1 Pet. 1:6–7):** Peter describes trials as refining gold. Looking back at a recent hardship, what did that pressure uncover about where your trust was actually placed?
9. What is a practical step you can take this week help you endure a current challenge or painful situation?
10. Given that we live in the reality that ancient prophets longed to see, how should this truth shape your gratitude and intentionality in daily prayer and reading the Word?