



LIVING IN A STRANGE LAND

A Journey Through 1 Peter

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Are You Ready Yet? 1 Peter 4:1-11

Christ died for us so we can be brought from death to life.

Arm – prepare, make ready

You too must strengthen yourself by thinking just like Christ thought.

We want people to glorify God on and before the day of visitation.

Think, have the same mind, and attitude as Jesus.

When you think like Jesus you choose to lay down your life for God and for others.

The purpose of ceasing from sin is to live our lives for the will of God.

When you face suffering do you run toward God and His will for your life?

Peter is saying you've sinned enough.

Your time for sinning is up and now let's use the rest of the time in our lives for the will of God.

When we do what the nations do, we live in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry.

Do these exiles and sojourners look to fit in with the crowd or do they look to stand out as a light in the darkness?

When exiles live in a way to stand out, they may be maligned.

Malign - to speak against someone in such a way as to harm or injure his or her reputation.

Even if we suffer and die for our faith, we will be made alive by the Spirit.

Because we have received the gospel that was preached to us, we are made alive in the Spirit.

What happened to Jesus will happen to those who have received the gospel.

Four Exhortations:

The end of all things, the day of visitation, the new creation has come upon us.

1. Be mentally alert so you can pray effectively.
2. Above everything, love one another without ceasing.
 - A community that loves each other is able to forgive each other.
3. Show hospitality and care to one another.
 - Hospitality - welcoming strangers into our homes, caring for their needs, providing a place of acceptance.
4. Use your gifts.

A gift is an individual expression of God's grace.

- You have received this gift and now it is your responsibility to use it.
- When you speak, it is a gift of God's grace.
- When you serve, it is a gift of God's grace.

The purpose is for God to get the glory and praise.

Big Idea: Be ready to live your life as a gift of God's grace to be shared with others.

Memory Verse: "Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins."-
1 Peter 4:8 (ESV)

Further Study:

Read: 1 Peter 4:1-11 in your group or with at least one other person.

1. Have someone read it while everyone reads along.
2. Have someone else read it while everyone else listens.
3. Have someone recount the text from memory in their own words.

Discuss:

1. What does the passage reveal about God?
2. What does the passage reveal about humanity?

Act:

1. If this passage is from God, what should change about how you live?
2. Who needs to hear the truth of this Scripture that you can share it with this week?
Identify a time this week when you might have the opportunity to share with them.