

Seeking holiness in the World

Text - 1 Peter 2:9-12

Context - Peter is transitioning from our foundation in Christ as believers towards the practical application of how to live correctly as Christians in the world.

Main Point - Live as God's child in the world - for the sake of Glorifying Him and reaching others for Jesus.

To seek after holiness in our world...

1. _____ your real identity (vs. 9-10)
 - A. You are no longer identified with your old lifestyle but are now identified with Jesus Christ.
 - B. The word "chosen" suggests a sharing in the blessings of God's 'chosen' people in the Old Testament. In Christ, you are now God's "chosen race" or "people."
 - C. You are also a "royal priesthood" and a "holy nation." These two phrases are quoted from Exodus 19:6 and 23:22. God's spirit now resides in us and He displays His glory to the nations through us.

2. _____ from sinful passions (vs. 11)
 - A. These passions are intense desires which are characteristic of the sinful nature and are not fitting for citizens of heaven.
 - B. These sinful desires "wage war" against your soul - making you spiritually weak and ineffective.

3. _____ a good conduct among the gentiles (vs. 12)
 - A. Conduct here refers to the day-by-day pattern of life.
 - B. A Christian's good life even in the face of continuing slander and false accusation may still result in the unbeliever's salvation. (Grudem)
 - C. Live your faith in such a way that someone could be converted because of seeing your good deeds.