



Part 2: Be Different

1 Peter 1

¹³ Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. ¹⁵ But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶ for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

Holy = set apart, different

¹⁷ Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. ¹⁸ For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

You don't belong to something, you belong to someone.

²² Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart.

1 Peter 2

¹ Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. ² Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, ³ now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

TODAY'S TRUTH

Belonging to Christ means being like Christ.

Group Guide

Introduction

Too often our faith does not make us stand out in a crowd. We watch the same things, react the same way, talk like everyone else, get depressed, moody, angry ... the list goes on and on. Shouldn't it be different? Shouldn't we be different? Why aren't we?

Discuss

Why do you think culture views Christianity so negatively?

Should we care? What can we do about it?

Read 1 Peter 1:13-16

What are some ways we can "prepare our minds"?

List some ways we should be "set apart" because of our faith?

Read 1 Peter 1:17-19

Discuss this idea of belonging to Jesus.

How should that make us feel? How should we act?

Read 1 Peter 1:22

What does it look like, in real life, to "love one another deeply"?

Read 1 Peter 2:1-3

How can you start replacing the negative traits listed with positive ones?

Talk about some ways people should be able to easily see our faith.

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