



1 Peter

1 Peter 2:11-17



The Exile's Good Works



1 Peter 2:9-10 ESV

But you are a **chosen** race, a **royal** priesthood, a **holy** nation, a **people for his own possession**, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who **called you** out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are **God's people**; once you had not received mercy, but now **you have received mercy**.



“Sociologists have a theory of the looking-glass self. You become what the most important person in your life (wife, father, boss, etc.) thinks you are. How would my life change if I truly believed the Bible's astounding words about God's love for me, if I looked in the mirror and saw what God sees?”

– Philip Yancey, *What's So Amazing About Grace?*



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so·journ·er (*noun*)

A temporary resident. A foreigner residing among others. Conveys both assimilation and otherness.

From Lexham Bible Dictionary



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1 Peter 2:11-12 Call to live a beautiful life

1 Peter 2:13-17 Submit as citizens

1 Peter 2:18-25 Submit in the workplace

1 Peter 3:1-17 Submit in marriage



1 Peter 2:13-14 ^{ESV}

Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴ or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good.



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The beautiful life of the exile

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“If you’re living the life of an exile, if you’re living it as you should, that means you will be extraordinarily offensive and incredibly attractive at the same time. You won’t just turn people off, you’ll attract them. You won’t just attract them, you’ll also turn them off. At the same time. You’ll be outrageous and compelling at the same time.”

– Tim Keller

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