

# What we got



# What we expected







BETWEEN  
TWO  
WORLDS

A STUDY OF FIRST PETER

## 1 Peter 2:4-10

<sup>4</sup> As you come to him, the living Stone – rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him – <sup>5</sup> you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.”

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<sup>7</sup> Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” <sup>8</sup> and, “A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the message — which is also what they were destined for.

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<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

## **1 Peter 2:11-12**

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## Hebrews 11:13-16

<sup>13</sup> All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. <sup>14</sup> People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> Instead, they were longing for a better country – a heavenly one.

# What is Peter telling them to do?

**Abstain from “this-world desires”**

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## 1 John 2:16-17

<sup>16</sup> For everything in the world – the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life – comes not from the Father but from the world. <sup>17</sup> The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

## Psalm 51:3

<sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

# Why is Peter telling them to do this?

**“This-world desires” war against (y)our soul**

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The verb (Abstain) is used elsewhere in ethical exhortation to refer to abstinence from pagan indulgences that fuel carnal desires within the believer and thus are antithetical to new life in Christ. The carnal desires Peter has in view may include, but are not limited to, sexual sin; the noun (desires) is used elsewhere to refer to any uncurbed human impulse...

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...In addition to the bodily passions, these unspecified desires may include the desire to be accepted by society more than to please God, to rebel against social norms unnecessarily, and to participate in social customs and practices that are abhorrent in God's sight. A primary purpose of a self-controlled life is its evangelistic value for attesting to the truth of the Christian gospel.

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Live good lives

## Matthew 5:14-16

<sup>14</sup> “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

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<sup>47</sup> The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, “Surely this was a righteous man.”

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