

“How Should We Then Live”—1 Peter 1-5

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- I. Live embracing your _____.
- 1:1 *παρεπίδημος* (pilgrims, strangers, aliens, exiles, resident alien, “civil servants who distinguish themselves for exemplary conduct while on international duty”¹ see also Genesis 23:4)
 - 1:2 Elect.
 - 2:3, 9, 10 Living Stones, Spiritual house, holy priesthood, chosen generation, royal priesthood, holy nation, his own special people, people of God.
- II. Live rejoicing in your _____.
- 1:3 Given in mercy, a living hope, through the resurrection of Jesus (see also Nehemiah 8:10).
 - 1:4, 5 Unfading, incorruptible and undefiled, reserved and kept by God in heaven.
 - 1:10-12, Foretold by the prophets.
- III. Live in holy _____ and reverent _____.
- 1:13 “Gird up the loins of your mind.” “The certainty of our hope has a remarkable effect on our lives. Hoping Christians cannot live carelessly, seeking self-indulgence and pleasure. *Prepare your minds for action*²”
 - 1:14 As obedient children not conformed to former lusts (see also 2:11)
 - 1:17 Holy because God is Holy (Lev. 11:44, 45, 19:2, 20:7)
 - 1:18, 19 As those redeemed by the blood of Christ whose works will be judged by God the Father.
- IV. Live in _____.
- 1:22 For one another
“Having been purified in your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit . . . love one another” (Spirit)
 - 1:23 As God’s children/family
“Because you’ve been born again through the word of God” (Enduring Word)
 - 2:1 In attitude and action
“Laying aside all malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking.”
 - 2:2 According to the word (“desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious”)
- V. Live to _____.
- 2:11, 12 Before the world “Abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.
 - In Proper Relationship to Governing authorities (Romans 13:1, “Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God; Acts 5:29, “We ought to obey God rather than men;” *Lex Rex*)
“It is not treason to oppose tyranny. It is duty.”—Phillip M. Way FB July 4, 2021
 - 2:25 In submission to masters and bosses “Servants be submissive to your masters. . .” (Bondservants be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh . . . as bondservants of Christ . . . Ephesians 6:5, 6)
 - 3:1-6 Wives in submission to Husbands (see also Ephesians 5:22-24)
 - Husbands dwell with your wives in understanding and giving honor (see also Ephesians 5:25-28)
- VI. Live _____.
- 3:15 Sanctifying or hallowing Christ
 - 3:14 Without fear of those who trouble you.
 - 3:15 Ready to give a reason for the hope you have.
 - 3:15, 16 With meekness, fear before God and a good conscience.
- VII. Live following _____.
- 4:1 “Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin.” Therefore, be done with your sins and no longer walk in them.
 - 4:12-16 Do not be surprised by suffering, but like Christ suffer for the glory of God and your joy in him.
 - 4:19 Suffer for doing good according to the will of God.
 - 5:1-4 Pastors follow Christ’s example as shepherds.
- VIII. Live _____ before God and in _____ to the devil.
- 5:6, 7 That God may exalt you in due time. b. The devil will flee from you (James 2:7).

¹ William Arndt et al., *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000), 775.

² Edmund P. Clowney, *The Message of 1 Peter: The Way of the Cross*, The Bible Speaks Today (Leicester, England; Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1988), 62.