

A Call to Obedience and Godliness (1 Peter 2:11,12)

- Peter sets before us the indicatives of the Gospel – what God has done for us
- Chosen by God, chosen to a living hope, set apart to be holy as He is holy
- Christ our living stone has made us living stones of a spiritual temple
- We who were not a people are now a people for God’s own precious possession
- We are a spiritual priesthood, offering up spiritual sacrifices, called into His light

II) Peter’s Exhortation to Christian Obedience

a) Abstain From the Passions of Your Flesh (11)

- “*Passions of the flesh*” (Gal 5:19-21) earthly, sensual passions apart from God
- Abstain from passions of the flesh (Titus 2:12) Abstain from the forbidden
- Abstinence includes guarding ones heart (Prov 4:23) giving it to God
- Who overcomes the world except Him who overcame on the Cross? (Jn 16:33)

b) Keep Your Conduct among the Gentiles Honorable (12)

- Honorable conduct: respectable, morally beautiful & lovely, commands respect
- Materially the same exhortation given by Paul to the Philippians (Phil 4: 8)

III) Peter’s Motivation to Christian Obedience

a)... sojourners and exiles (11)

- We do not belong to this world- God has called out of darkness into His light
- “Sojourner”: the idea of one passing through, “Exiles”: temporal residence

b) Passions of your flesh ...wage war against your souls

- The passions of our flesh will destroy us if we don’t destroy them (1 Cor 6:9,10)

c) Gentiles may see your conduct & glorify God on the day of visitation

- Godly & honorable conduct among the unsaved: powerful witness for the gospel
- Day of visitation (Acts 15:14) Godly life is essential to effective witness(Isa 60:3)