

letter to elect exiles

# FIRST PETER

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CITIZENS OF HEAVEN AMONG THE NATIONS

**GEN.23:1-9/1PET.2:9-17**

## 1) INWARDLY, ABSTAIN FROM THE PASSIONS OF THE FLESH

A. Because You Are Loved By God in Christ & Cherished Among Saints

**1Pet.2:11** "Beloved... as sojourners and aliens"

B. Because You Are Not at Home Where Such Passions Are at Home

**1Pet.2:11** "as sojourners and aliens"

**Jam.4:4** Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

C. Because Such Passions Are Self-destructive of Your Body and Soul

**1Pet.2:11** "which wage war against your soul"

## 2) OUTWARDLY, LIVE BEAUTIFUL LIVES AMONG UNBELIEVERS

A. So They Can See Your Christian Grace Bearing Fruit in Good Works

**1Pet.2:12** "Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable...they may see your good deeds"

**Mat.5:16** In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

**Jam. 3:13** Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom.

B. So They Will Glorify God at Christ's Return By Being Saved or Silenced

**1Pet.2:12** "and glorify God on the day of visitation"