

What are the common elements to the 5 sins mentioned in 2:1?
How you ever experienced the kind of damage these can cause individually, or corporately?

Would you consider your pursuit of things spiritual to be something you crave?

4. Of these 5, which are the ones that are the most difficult for you?
5. Was there a key point from the message that you would like to discuss, or expand upon?

Personal Reflection

1. If you were trying to express to someone the value of new birth in your life, what would you want that person to know?
2. What one thing stood out the most to you in this study?

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1 Peter 1:13-2:3



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Life Group Study Notes Stand Sermon Series based on 1 Peter

This Week's Message

In the second instalment of our series in 1 Peter we continue the themes introduced in the opening section of the letter. Peter urges believers to stand, not only in principle, but in every expression of their lives.

The message of this section has special relevance for us today. How do we protect ourselves from the onslaught of our culture in attempting to undermine our faith? Where do we invest ourselves in order to stand in the midst of so much that is antagonist to Christian values?

Study

Based on 1 Peter 1:13-2:3

1. Take a moment to review last week's message, especially the 3 key questions that were given last week as the ones every person has to answer. Also, did you take the time this week to personally clarify them in your own life?
2. What mental and physical actions should a follower of Christ pursue?
3. There are 5 commands (exhortations, imperatives), that Peter gives in this section. What are they and discuss each as well as the follow-up questions in each section.

a. _____(1:14)

In reading verse 14 how does Peter contrast the "old life" with the new one?

b. _____(1:15-16)

How might an honest attempt at holiness affect the relationship of those closest to you?

c. _____(1:17)

What reasons does Peter give for this point? Also, Peter revisits the "foreigners/strangers" theme again. Why is it important in this context?

d. _____(1:22)

How could the conditions described by Peter in verses 21-25 promote this particular point?

e. _____(2:2)