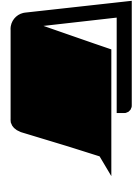


# this *exile* life



A SERIES IN 1 PETER

Sunday, February 7, 2021 | Wawasee Community Bible Church | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

## Part 5 | **Wholly Holy & Hopeful**

1 Peter 1:13-21

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<sup>14</sup> As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, <sup>15</sup> but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,

<sup>16</sup> since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." <sup>17</sup> And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, <sup>18</sup> knowing that you were ransomed

from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup> He was foreknown before the foundation of the world

but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you <sup>21</sup> who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that

your faith and hope are in God.

## To live a **HOLY** life

v. 14-16

**holy = set apart, different** — *belonging to God*

Leviticus 11:45, 20:26

Exodus 19:6; Hebrews 12:14; Genesis 2:2-3; Exodus 20:8

*Live like what you've already become.*

## you must know **WHO YOU ARE**

v. 17-21

**God's child, set apart for him**

v. 17ff; Ephesians 1:3-14

## and **KEEP REMINDING** yourself of it!

v. 13, 21

**set your hope**

Luke 12:35; Colossians 3:2

**spiritual habits**

1 Timothy 4:7-8; Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1:1-2; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

*Reading, meditating on, and memorizing Scripture*

*Prayer — talking to God*

*Worship — honoring and exalting God*

*Evangelism — telling others about Jesus in word and deed*

*Serving — loving others*

*Stewardship — taking care of God's stuff*

*Fasting, Silence, Solitude*



**What is this?** – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups. The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a parallel passage of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on the Connect Card in your bulletin.

## Getting Started

### Getting to Know You: Use this guide

**for your personal and group study this week.** Part of our goal together is getting to know one another. So... *Would you rather...* 1) *Go way back in time and meet your ancestors—or—Go way in the future and meet your great-grandchildren?* 2) *Work more hours per day, but fewer days—or—Work fewer hours per day, but more days?* 3) *Get free Starbucks for a year—or—free iTunes for a year?* 4) *Have invisibility and teleportation—or—have the ability to read minds and fly?* 5) *Always be underdressed—or—overdressed?*

Review your message notes. What stood out to you from the message this week? Do you have questions? Disagreements? Discuss it with your group.

## Digging Deeper

1. In chapter one of 1 Peter, we see Peter laying important foundations for what it's going to take to live your life for Jesus and make it through this exile life. To live this "new life" as a follower of Christ, we need to develop some spiritual habits so that God's Word is alive in us. That's why hearing God's Word each weekend, and studying it further and applying it to our lives in Life Groups is so important. What do the following verses tell us about how to keep God's Word alive in our lives?

**Psalms 119:9-16**

**James 1:22-24**

*Is there anything in the above verses about having God's Word in your life that is challenging for you?*

*Are there any adjustments you want to make to keep God's Word active in your life? If so, explain.*

2. Thinking of life here on earth as temporary can be good news, but can also be challenging to keep in perspective. How do the following verses add purpose to what it means to live here on earth as "exiles" or "foreigners"?

**2 Corinthians 5:18-21**

**Ephesians 2:19-22**

*How can developing spiritual habits help give me hope and joy?*

3. Sometimes we can be turned off by the idea of being holy because of all the negative associations we have with the word including it being not fun, weird and unpopular among our peers. In reality, there are blessings for those who are set apart. What picture do the following verses paint that would counter negative associations of the word "holy"?

**Psalms 16:7-11**

**Isaiah 40:31**

**Psalms 84:11**

*Which of these verses is most encouraging to you in continuing to live a holy life?*

# Personal Prayer Items

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## FEBRUARY CHALLENGE

### *Start a new spiritual habit.*

If you're a follower of Jesus, you're holy. You're his. Set apart. Different. Are you living like it? — The way to live like it begins with developing habits that reflect who you truly are. What's a spiritual habit you can work to develop this month? Bible reading? Memorization? Praying Scripture? Write it down and go for it!

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### Word Find for 1 Peter 1:13-19 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

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