

the precious blood of Christ

BY the One who was made manifest for you

He...

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before the foundation of the world

was made manifest

in these last times

for you

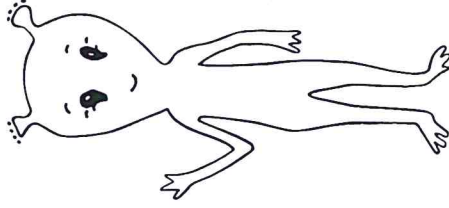
FOR our faith and hope to be in God

you are believers in God through Jesus

God raised Him

and gave Him glory

so that your faith and hope are in God.



# HOW TO LIVE LIKE AN ALIEN

THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER

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No. 7 – Set Our Hope  
on God, pt. 3

1 Peter 1:17-21

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## Review

The apostle Peter, writing to Christians who are both *elect* and *exiles*, encourages them to live faithfully...

- Praise God for Our Salvation (1:3-12)
- Set Our Hope on God (1:13-21)

## No. 7 – Set Our Hope on God, pt. 3

1 Peter 1:17-21

ESV 1 Peter 1: <sup>13</sup>Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <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 your sake, <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.

*Three primary imperatives in 1:13-21*

'set your hope...' (v. 13)

'be holy...' (v. 15)

'conduct yourselves...' (v. 17)

Hope in God results in holy living and *reverential* living...

- Your actual *hope* will be demonstrated by the way you live.
- Your pursuit of *holiness* must affect every area of the way you live.
- Your way of living will always be in reference to what you actually fear most.

The way we live our lives as believers in Jesus Christ...

- ...*should* be different than the way unbelievers live their lives
- ...is both impacted by and impacts our hopes and fears
- ...*can* be formed by and to our identity with God our Father
- ...is a task we must give ourselves to everyday, until we see Jesus

### Setting our hope on God...

We must be holy like our Father is holy (vv. 14-16)  
**We must live with the right fear of God** (vv. 17-21)

*What does this mean?*

'conduct yourselves with fear...' (v. 17)

conduct

fear

e.g. Deuteronomy 4:10; 5:29; 6:13; 10:12-13; 28:58-59

ESV **Proverbs 9:10** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

ESV **Proverbs 29:25** The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is safe.

= "reverential awe" (cf. *The Joy of Fearing God*, Jerry Bridges)

Throughout the time of your exile

**WHY** should we 'conduct ourselves with fear'? (v. 17)

if you call on him as Father

who judges impartially according to each one's deeds

**HOW** can we 'conduct ourselves with fear'? (vv. 18-21)

**knowing that you were ransomed**

knowing

ransomed

- We cultivate the right sort of fear by the activity of our minds.
- We cultivate the right sort of fear by focusing on our Father's mercy.

*Knowing that you were ransomed...*

**FROM** the futile ways inherited from your forefathers

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**WITH** the precious blood of Christ

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