

Living Faithfully in the Presence of God

1 PETER 2:9-17



A NEW NAME FOR A FAITHFUL PEOPLE

“To God’s elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces ...”
1 Peter 1:1



ROOTED IN GOD'S OLDER STORY

“You will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.”
Exodus 19:5–6



A PEOPLE WITH A PURPOSE

“that they may proclaim my praise.”
Isaiah 43:21



THE KINGDOM HAS COME NEAR

“The kingdom of God has come near.”
Mark 1:15



LIVING AMONG THE NATIONS

WE ARE A SIGNPOST

We are not the destination. The church lives in exile as a signpost, pointing beyond ourselves to God's coming kingdom. We honor earthly authorities, but our ultimate allegiance belongs to King Jesus.

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HONOR THE EMPEROR. FEAR GOD.

Peter calls us to live as faithful citizens, honoring earthly authorities while keeping our ultimate allegiance to King Jesus.

“Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God. . . . Give proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.”

1 Peter 2:16–17



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CHRISTIANS HAVE ALWAYS LIVED IN EXILE.

From Israel in Babylon to the church today, God's people have lived between the “already” and the “not yet.” We belong to God, even when we live in a world that does not.



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WE ARE NOT THE DESTINATION.

The church is not the end goal. We are a signpost, pointing beyond ourselves to God's coming kingdom.



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THE CHURCH LIVES IN EXILE AS A SIGNPOST POINTING TOWARD GOD'S COMING KINGDOM.

As foreigners and exiles, we live faithfully among our neighbors, showing Christ, doing good, and pointing toward the day when God will dwell fully with his people.



KEY TAKEAWAYS



A PEOPLE

We belong to God and share a common identity as his people.



A PURPOSE

Our life together points others toward God's character and kingdom.



AMONG

We live among our neighbors, not withdrawn and not blended in.



A SIGNPOST

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