

A Sojourner's Guide – 1 Peter 1:1-2

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The who, what & why of being a fully-devoted follower of Jesus Christ...

Who: sojourners

Hebrews 11:13 *All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth.*

What: selected & sanctified

Ephesians 1:3-5 *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For He chose us in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight. In love He predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with His pleasure and will...*

Deuteronomy 14:2 *For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. Out of all the peoples on the face of the earth, the Lord has chosen you to be His treasured possession.*

Romans 8:29-30 *For those God foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those He predestined, He also called; those He called, He also justified; those He justified, He also glorified.*

Why: submission

Matthew 28:19-20 *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

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Ephesians 2:17-22; 1 John 3:1-3, 1 Peter 2:11-17

As a Christian, you are a member of the household of Heaven and sojourner here on the earth. As a sojourner, how does your lifestyle differ from that of the world? How do you live peacefully on the earth while remaining loyal to the King of Heaven?

Chosen

John 15:11-16, 1 Peter 2:10, Ephesians 1:3-14

God chose you, and He is very serious about the work He wants to do in you. Because He has chosen you, He will be faithful to finish what He started in you. How does the fact that you are chosen affect your trust in God? How does it affect your outlook on life? How does it affect your desire to be obedient to Him?

Sanctified - Set Apart for a Holy Use

Philippians 2:12-15, 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8, 2 Peter 1:3-8

Sanctification is a work the Holy Spirit does in you, but it requires your participation. It is a purifying work that sets you apart from the world and distinguishes you as His child. How is the work of the Holy Spirit producing change in you? In what areas of your life does He desire change? How is He distinguishing you and setting you apart from the world? How is He preparing you for His holy use?

Set Apart for the Purpose of Obedience

John 14:19-26, James 1:19-25, Romans 6:16-23

Obedience is the result of God's sanctifying work, and the evidence of your status as a sojourner. How does your obedience mark you or identify you as a child of God? In what area of your life does God desire a greater obedience? How is the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit producing a desire in you for greater obedience?