

## Declaring God's Goodness

*The Resurrected Life- Part 2 1 Peter 2:1-2 & 2:9-12*  
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**1 Peter 1:1-2 & 2:9-12** Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, <sup>2</sup> who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance. <sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. <sup>11</sup> Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup> Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

### 1. Declaring God's Goodness starts with knowing Him.

God wants you to know that you are His, "special possession". God knew (elected) from the beginning of time each person that would be in his family! He set you apart (chose you) to help others see God's goodness and forgiveness! Our ultimate allegiance is not to this world (we are foreigners/exiles) because we are citizens of God's kingdom!

**Why does it Matter?** One of the lessons Viktor Frankl teaches us, is that how you view the world and your place in it really does affect how you live. In fact the Bible tells us that nothing will more deeply shape our day to day life like coming to see God for all that He is, what He has done for you, and what He has made you for!

### 2. Declaring God's Goodness means we fight against evil passions AND we follow Jesus' example.

"The church needs to call ALL of its members to a life of holiness. Holiness has both a negative and positive dimension. It means avoiding sin **and** actively performing acts of goodness and love. The church, Peter says, is a counter cultural alternative to society and culture." New Application Commentary, S. McKnight pg. 138

### 3. What is the Result?

It's likely that you will be misunderstood and ridiculed for what you believe. Jesus was too! However, living the Jesus way of life will be attractive and we can trust that God will use it!



#### **Community Group Questions:**

1. What do you think? How did this message challenge, change, or affirm your thinking?
2. What are some of the more common issues that we are called to "abstain from" (1 Peter 2:11)?
3. When Peter says, "live such good lives", what practical things best exemplify this command today?
4. What can you put into practice from what you've learned today?

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