

# Sermon Notes – January 15, 2017

## Review:

- ⇒ We are \_\_\_\_\_ in a foreign land – but we are \_\_\_\_\_ to an inheritance, a living \_\_\_\_\_ more precious than gold, kept in heaven for us!
- ⇒ We are living \_\_\_\_\_ who have been rejected by the world but are being built into a spiritual \_\_\_\_\_, acceptable to God through Jesus Christ!
- ⇒ We are a chosen \_\_\_\_\_, a royal \_\_\_\_\_, and a holy \_\_\_\_\_ chosen to proclaim Christ!

## Today's Text: 1 Peter 3:8-17

Today's text calls us, as exiles, as living stones, as God's own people, to be a distinctive people in the land of our exile. We must be ready with our words, our actions, and our love to proclaim the hope we have through Christ.

## Christian Exiles must reflect the culture of their homeland.

- ⇒ Christian exiles must be \_\_\_\_\_.
- ⇒ Christian exiles must \_\_\_\_\_ one another.
- ⇒ Christian exiles must display \_\_\_\_\_ characteristics of a better kingdom.

## As heirs to a blessing, Christian Exiles must be a blessing.

- ⇒ Christian exiles cannot repay \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_.
- ⇒ Christian exiles are destined to inherit a \_\_\_\_\_; therefore they must be a blessing.
- ⇒ Christian exiles must not forget that their Lord is \_\_\_\_\_!

1 Peter 3:8-17

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Joyful Suffering Is Built on Future Hope

## Christian Exiles living as citizens of a better kingdom have nothing of which to be afraid.

- ⇒ Under normal circumstances, \_\_\_\_\_ is its own reward.
- ⇒ Even if we suffer for our righteous conduct, our \_\_\_\_\_ outweighs our current suffering.
- ⇒ If we are to suffer, it should only be for doing \_\_\_\_\_. If we experience this kind of suffering, we have nothing to be afraid of!

## Apologetic Focus: Are you ready to give an answer?

- ⇒ To be ready to give an answer for the hope that is in you, your hope must be \_\_\_\_\_!
- ⇒ An effective answer is given with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- ⇒ There is no better apologetic than a life \_\_\_\_\_!

## Responding to God's Word:

- ⇒ Can others truly see a difference between the world and us? Do we love better? Do we exhibit distinctive virtuous behavior?
- ⇒ Do we seek retaliation for wrongs, tolerate wrongs, or bless wrongdoers?
- ⇒ As a part of our experience as Christian exiles, there are three broad categories of suffering. It can be helpful, when suffering, to differentiate them:
  - Some suffering is a result of living in a \_\_\_\_\_ and cannot be avoided until Creation is restored to its original glory.
  - Some suffering is a result of our own \_\_\_\_\_ and can and should be avoided.
  - Some suffering is a result of \_\_\_\_\_. This kind of \_\_\_\_\_ should not be avoided but embraced. It need not be feared, but provides us with an opportunity to better identify with Christ.