

ALIENS

THE BOOK OF FIRST PETER

Get Ready

1 Peter 3:13-17

Constantly check in with Jesus.

- Am I fearing what everyone fears?
- Am I rehearsing His promises?
- Am I building hope or arguments?

Getting Started: Make a list of things you constantly check (email, texts, stock prices, your kids, facebook, etc.)

Digging In: Look at several translations for Peter's command in verse 15 which says, "set apart Christ as LORD". If someone asks you, "How do you do that?" What would you tell them? Peter contrasts fear with setting apart Christ as LORD. Why? What is the question that Peter wants his readers to be ready to answer (vs 15)? How does what Jesus says in Mt. 10:18-20 sound different or similar to what Peter is calling for in this passage? What insight do these verses (1 Pet 1:3; Rom 5:4-5, 8:18-25, 15:13; Col 1:27; Titus 2:11-14; Heb 3:6, 6:18-19; 1 Jn 3:1-3) give you concerning hope? Verses 13-17 speak of doing what is good and right. Why does Peter stress this to people who are suffering? In what ways can Jesus' followers not communicate with "gentleness and respect"?

Living It Out: What fears have you experienced in light of the economy, the elections, and other events going on in the world? Is your primary response to these things, "The sky is falling" or "This is an opportunity for all to see their need for Jesus"? Do you think your response to the world events would cause someone to ask, "Why are you so hopeful?" If they asked, what would you say? How have you personally found hope from Jesus and His words? How will you constantly check in with Jesus this week in an effort to "Set apart Christ as LORD"?

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MEMORY VERSES

³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, *1 Peter 1:3-4*

²²Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart. *1 Peter 1:22*

⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. *1 Peter 2:9*

¹⁴But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened." ¹⁵But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, *1 Peter 3:14-15*

¹²Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. *1 Peter 4:12-13*

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. ⁸Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. *1 Peter 5:6-8*