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1 Peter

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"Earthly Responsibilities" - A Call to DO Good.

Review:

- ✓ The 'Rock' on which the church is built is _____
- ✓ Believers are a _____, we are Children of God.
- ✓ Those that follow Christ in Salvation have now received _____, that gives us hope for our future and peace from our past. (v10)

Scripture Recitation (Memory Verses) *please stand

1 Peter 1:3 - 1 Peter 1:15-16 - 1 Peter 2:1

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1 Peter 2:11-17

We have responsibilities on earth while we are here, Peter calls the Pilgrims – Exiles – Strangers – Aliens: to live a life in full pursuit of holiness.

1. This fallen world is not our _____, it is just a pit stop on the way to our eternal destination
2. Our job as believers in the interim is to go _____ we are called to _____ for God in the world.
3. We are called to _____ living in a sinful world.

OUR CONDUCT – VS 11-12

We as believers have a greater obligation to obey both earthly laws and heavenly commands – the unsaved world _____ the Christian; therefore, we must abstain from sins by the power of the _____.

4. Our conduct must _____ evil talk towards believers

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Sin is a war against our soul.

War is a military campaign – the plot is on, and you are the target. Fleshly lusts (Sinful desires) often seem to be _____ by means of spiritual warfare by which demonic soldiers constantly search out and try to destroy the Christians: *joy, peace, & usefulness.*

*In the midst of these battles we must strive to live **HONORABLY.***

VS 12. Word Study: Honorable – in this passage we find the word honorably to mean: gracious, lovely, winsome, noble, and excellent – well disciplined.

➤ **Why is this so important?**

VS12 – so that when they slander you (we can expect people to speak ill of us) as evildoers, they will

1. Observe your good works – We are call to _____

2. Glorify God on the day He visits – Your _____ matter.

(Matthew 5:15-16) our earthly ministry has purpose, to point others towards Christ, and bring Glory to God the Father.

3. Jesus was not messing around when he told us to be His

_____ (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8; John 20:21) we are to _____ with our faith and influence neighbors and communities for God.

“on the day He visits” - verse 12 teaches that *our good works can help lead the lost to Christ* and they will praise God on the day He visits them. Visitation speaks of redemption (Luke 1:68)

Peter was teaching:

- ✓ When the grace of God visits the heart of an unbeliever, they will respond with saving faith and glorify God because they have remembered the testimony of believers they have witnessed. *Those who choose not to believe will experience the visitation of God’s wrath in the final judgment.*

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Earthly Responsibilities VS13-17

Vs13-14 – Christians have a responsibility to civil government.

Though we may not _____ the men and women in office,
we are to respect the offices, and obey the laws.

Pastor's Commentary:

This fallen world's government can be unjust, and act in ways that are contrary to God's commands. When that happens, we have a legitimate right and basis to protest. (Acts 4:19-20; 5:29)
But we are not to use our _____ as God's people to cover up for evil. (1 Peter 2:16) (liberty = freedom)

Life Applications: (vs 13-17)

1. Christians should be _____ citizens, who
2. _____ all people,
3. _____ others,
4. _____ God, and
5. _____ ruling authorities.

*Freedom does not mean getting to do whatever you want to do.
Freedom means getting to do what you _____ to do.*

The time is now:

- ◆ *Decide to follow Christ as your Savior (God's Visitation)
Your choice today makes an eternities worth of
difference. Today may just be the last opportunity you
have to call on the name of the Lord and be saved.*
- ◆ *Re-Direct your life in the pursuit of holiness before God
Joel 2:13*

