

# 1 PETER

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## READ

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Hebrews 11:8-16

## QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. The Apostle Peter depicts, or characterizes, believers in four ways in this passage? Believers are *aliens* (v. 1). What are the implications of the following verses? What does it mean that believers are alien people?
  - Ecclesiastes 3:11
  - John 18:36
  - Romans 12:2
  - 1 Corinthians 7:31
  - 2 Corinthians 5:8
  - Ephesians 2:2
  - Philippians 3:20
  - Colossians 1:13
  - James 4:4
  - Revelation 11:15
2. What does Hebrews 11:8-16 say about living in this world as an alien? What do the Patriarchs model for us?
3. Reflect on the following statements. Why are these statements true? What needs to change?
  - “When we look at the values, lifestyles, the moral perspective and behaviors of Christians, we can see that there’s virtually no difference between Christians and non-Christians” (George Barna).
  - “If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next. . . . [All] left their mark on Earth, precisely because their minds were occupied with Heaven. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this” (C. S. Lewis).

4. Believers are *chosen* people (v. 1). What are the implications of the following verses? What does it mean that believers are chosen?

- Matthew 22:14
- Romans 8:29-30
- 1 Corinthians 1:27-28
- Ephesians 1:4
- 2 Thessalonians 2:13
- 1 Peter 2:9
- Revelation 17:14

5. Believers are *born again* people (v. 3). What are the implications of the following verses? What does it mean that believers are born again?

- John 3:3-8
- Romans 6:4
- 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Colossians 3:9-10
- Titus 3:5
- 1 John 5:1
- 1 Peter 1:23; 2:2

6. Who is responsible for the new birth (v. 3)? On what basis? To what end?

7. What is realized in this living hope (v. 4)? Describe it.

8. Believers are *protected* people (v. 5). By what are we protected? By what means (c.f., 2 Timothy 1:12)? Until when (c.f., Matthew 28:20)?

## **PERSONAL RESPONSE**

1. I will live as an alien this week by . . .

2. I will long for the pure milk of the word this week by . . .

3. I will exercise faith this week by . . .