

# Redeemed People Are a Godly Witness



I Peter 2:11-12

*<sup>11</sup> Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul. <sup>12</sup> Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.*

Study Guides are designed to help us get the most out of our personal Bible study, Small Group experience, marriage and family spiritual growth, and the sermons we hear on Sunday mornings. Each week we will be studying a passage of Scripture along with Pastor Dan as he prepares his sermon based on the same verses found in our Study Guides. That way, when we come to church every Sunday, we will be better prepared to hear and apply God’s Word.

**Monday**, November 16

Read: 1 Peter 2:11–12

1. What words stand out to you as most important?

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2. What is said about believers?

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3. What is said about unbelievers (Gentiles)?

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4. What is said about God?

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5. Discussion/Application: What dynamics are revealed in these verses about the relationship between God, Christians, and non-Christians?

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**Tuesday**, November 17

Read: 1 Peter 2:11

1. Where else in 1 Peter is the word “aliens” found?

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2. What point is Peter making when he uses the word “aliens”?

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3. What point is Peter making when he calls us “strangers”?

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4. What is meant by “fleshly lusts”?

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5. Discussion/Application: What is the connection between being an alien/stranger and the command to abstain from fleshly lusts?

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**Wednesday**, November 18

Read: 1 Peter 2:11

1. What does it mean to abstain?

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2. What implications are behind the phrase “wage war”?

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3. Lusts are entertained in our minds but fulfilled with our bodies. Why, then, does Peter say they wage war against the soul—which is immaterial?

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4. What does 2 Timothy 2:22 say we are to pursue as we flee/abstain from lusts?

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5. Discussion/Application: To what extent ought we to be willing to go in our efforts to abstain from fleshly lusts?

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**Thursday**, November 19

Read: 1 Peter 2:12

1. Why should it matter to us what unbelievers think about our behavior?

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2. Can you think of an example when a Christian did something that honors God but an unbeliever treated it as something evil?

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3. Notice that Peter is encouraging us to continue in our good deeds while we are being slandered. Comment on that observation.

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4. When is “the day of visitation,” and who is doing the visiting?

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5. Discussion/Application: In what way do you think unbelievers will glorify God even if/when they are turned away from heaven?

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**Friday**, November 20

Read: The verses below

1. How is 1 Peter 3:1–2 similar to what we have learned so far this week?

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2. What advice is given in 1 Peter 3:15–16?

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3. How does 1 Peter 4:14–16 complement what we have learned this week?

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4. Why, according to Titus 2:7–8, is it important to be consistent?

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5. Discussion/Application: Our conduct is not only a good example to unbelievers. What advice did the Apostle Paul give Timothy in 1 Timothy 4:12?

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**Saturday**, November 21

Read: The verses below

1. What point is Jesus making in Matthew 5:16?

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2. What might be some examples of the good works Jesus mentioned?

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3. Comment on the broader context of Jesus' statement (Matthew 5:11–16).

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4. What did Peter and John do in Acts 4:13–21 that caused others to glorify God?

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5. Discussion/Application: What can we do, according to 2 Corinthians 9:6–15, that can cause other people to glorify God?

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