

## Talk outline

### Introduction

1. You have a sure hope → So be holy
2. You have been redeemed → So live in reverent fear
3. You have been born again → So love one another deeply
4. And keep growing



# Living in God's family

1 Peter 1:13-2:3

## The letter so far...

This semester we are reading 1 Peter – a letter from the apostle Peter, to Christians scattered throughout Asia Minor in the mid-60s AD. Peter writes to encourage them (and us) to stand firm in God’s grace during our temporary stay in this world (5:12).

Peter describes Christians as “exiles” or “foreigners” in the world. In today’s passage, he gives several examples of ways that Christians will be different to the rest of the world around us, because we belong to God’s family.

## Icebreaker

Share one of your most precious family memories.

### Read 1 Peter 1:13-2:3.

The first word we read is “Therefore”. What does this mean? What is the connection between v1-12 and v13?

In today’s passage, Peter gives a series of instructions, each with supporting info about why and how Christians should live this way. Complete the table, in your own words as much as possible.

**Holy:** Set apart; totally pure.

**Redeemed:** To have paid a price to buy something (or someone) back.

**Lamb without blemish:** God’s Old Testament people had to sacrifice a perfect lamb to stay in relationship with God. This pointed towards Jesus’s sacrifice of himself.

## Pray

Write down one area of your life in which you need God’s help to live as a member of his family. Pray about this.

## Memory verse

“Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.” (1 Peter 2:2-3)

Instruction	Why? / How?	What about us?
1:13-16		<p>What prevents or distracts you from setting your hope on Jesus’ return?</p> <p>In what areas do you feel pressure to conform to evil desires of the world?</p> <p>What can you do about this?</p>
1:17-21		<p>Think about the idea of someone actually purchasing (redeeming) you. What difference does this make to our lives?</p>
1:22-2:1		<p>How should relationships in God’s family be different to the world around us?</p> <p>Have you experienced this kind of Christian community?</p>
2:2-3		<p>How do Christians grow mature?</p> <p>Are you hungry for pure spiritual milk?</p> <p>How will you make sure you are well-fed as a Christian?</p>