

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 Peter, one of Jesus’ closest friends, to Christians scattered throughout Asia Minor in the mid-60s AD.

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, because they 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?

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.*

In today’s passage, Peter gives a series of instructions to the Christians he’s writing to, with reasons why they should live this way. Complete the table, in your own words as much as possible.

Reflect: What have you learnt about the difference that becoming a Christian makes in someone’s life?

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	How are Christians described?	Thinking deeper...
1:13-16		Where do you set your hope?
1:17-21		What do we learn about God here? What has God saved the readers of this letter from? How did he save them? What do we learn about Jesus?
1:22-2:1		How can anyone get into God’s family? What two things are being contrasted: - in v23? - in v24-25? What would it be like if everyone loved each other like this?
2:2-3		Have you tasted that the Lord is good?