

**Series: Resident Aliens: A Study of 1 Peter**  
**Lesson: 1 Peter 1:3-12 “New Birth and Living Hope”**  
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1. How are adopted children and biological children similar?
  - Both loved by parents
  - Both legally heirs
  - Both share some family traits
2. How are adopted children and biological children different?
  - Do not share genetic traits
  - Adopted children are chosen
3. For Christians the language of adoption stresses:
  - a. God’s love for the unloved.
  - b. Jesus as God’s unique child.
4. The language of rebirth stresses:
  - a. Sharing God’s essence.
  - b. Being recreated in God’s image.
5. As “resident aliens” we owe allegiance to God as King of Kings, but especially as Father.
6. Christians are assured a hope, and inheritance, and eternal salvation.

**Travel Tip #2:**

Peter makes the special nature of Christian salvation apparent by pointing out that the prophets longed to look and that the angels long to look into what God is doing now and will do for His people. The idea of prophets longing to look may seem strange at first, but this fits the prophetic context we find in the Old Testament. Prophets were not mere recipients of the divine message. They were involved in ongoing conversation with God. We see this as early as Abraham and Moses who argue with God about what He has revealed or suggested to them. The conversations of Jonah and Habakkuk should also be familiar.

Peter’s reference becomes even more understandable when we look at the Book of Daniel. Here both Daniel and angelic figures wonder when the events prophesied will take place (12:4-10). Although many prophets foretold of events that would take place within their lifetimes, sometimes they were privileged to proclaim the distant future. From their vantage point they could only wonder about the proclamation.

With regard to angels, the passage in Daniel can be supplemented by Jesus’ own teaching. There are some things that not even the angels know (Mt. 24:36)

