

Series: Resident Aliens: A Study of 1 Peter
Lesson: 1 Peter 4:12-19
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1. How do people react when they are surprised?

2. The world is surprised at Christian's behavior.
3. Christians should not be surprised at the world's behavior.
4. Because Christians know in advance the world may react negatively, they can respond positively.
Because Christians know in advance the God will reward those who do good and punish those who do evil. They can rejoice and praise God.
5. The existence of Christian suffering is proof that God has begun the final judgment. As a result, Christians know:
 - a. They are righteous
 - b. Their suffering is minor
 - c. The punishment of the wicked will be much worse.
6. Common "minor" sins in today's society:

7. Ways we can take the offensive:

Travel Tip #12:

Peter writes from "Babylon" (5:13). The name probably refers to Rome. The positive statements about the emperor in Chapter 2 suggest that it is not derogatory or a secret code word as in Revelation. Just as the Jews were exiles in Babylon, a foreign land, Christians are now exiles in the Roman Empire. Christians are the resident aliens whose citizenship is in heaven (1:1 and 2:11). Peter uses Babylon to remind the readers of their true "home".



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