

Rising Above a Fallen World

Living Hope in Troubled Times – Part 2

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Romans 8:22-23 (ESV) For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

Romans 12:2a (ESV) Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,

1. Focus your mind on _____

1 Peter 1:13 (ESV) Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

2. Pursue a life of _____

1 Peter 1:14 (ESV) As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance,

1 Peter 1:15-16 (ESV) but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

3. Live in the _____ of God

1 Peter 1:17 (ESV) And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile,

1 Peter 1:18-19 (ESV) knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

1 Peter 1:20-21 (ESV) He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

4. _____ one another earnestly

1 Peter 1:22 (ESV) Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart,

1 Peter 1:23-25 (ESV) since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever.” And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

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Intro. How would you describe the characteristics of the fallen world?

How did the fall of man in the garden of Eden impact our world today (Romans 8:22-23)?

Why must we as believers not behave like chameleons in the fallen world (Romans 12:2)?

Why is it important that believers stand out in a fallen world?

1A. What does 1 Peter 1:13 tell us to do with our mind in a fallen world?

1B. Why is it so important to focus our minds on Jesus' return?

2A. How does 1 Peter 1:14 instruct us to rise above our fallen world?

2B. What does it mean to pursue a life of holiness (1 Peter 1:15-16)?

2C. What are some practical ways that you can grow in holiness?

3A. Why should we fear God (1 Peter 1:7)?

3B. What does it mean to live in the fear of God?

3C. In what ways does remembering Jesus' sacrifice help you to fear God (1 Peter 1:18-19)?

3D. What is the importance of Jesus' resurrection from the dead (1 Peter 20:21)?

3E. How can the fear of God deliver you from all other fear?

4A. In what ways does loving other believers help you rise above a fallen world (1 Peter 1:22)?

4B. How is God's Word the key to rising above a fallen world (1 Peter 1:23-25)?

4C. What are some ways you can love others in the church family more earnestly?