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# THE BEREANS


ACTS 17:11

**1 Peter  
Lesson #23  
Summary  
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“We’re tired of the national conversation centering on “What should we fear?” and “Who should we blame?”.”

  
**Brene Brown**  
 (PhD social work)

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## 1 Peter

*Operations Manual for Alien Ambassadors in a fallen world*

This is who we are “in Christ”

This is how we should express our identity

	Indicative	Imperative				
“chosen”	Salvation	Sanctification	In the church		Shepherding	
Introduction “aliens”	“salt” “light”	From God’s call to our choices	Submission	Suffering		Conclusion
	In the world					
1:1-2	1:3-12	1:13-2:10	2:11-3:12	3:13-4:19	5:1-11	5:12-14

Christians are called out of the world — and then sent back into the world. 2

1 Peter 1

“1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who **reside as aliens**, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia (modern day Turkey)” who are **chosen** 2 according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to **obey** Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with his blood; May **grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure.**”

**Aliens need to know:**

**who they are,**  
**where they are,**  
**what they are to expect, and**  
**what is expected of them.**

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**Word of the Cross**

Believers are **chosen** by God and **secure** in Christ to be **aliens** in this world as salt and light.

**Way of the Cross**

This **calling** and these **circumstances** require a special **hope**, sober **expectations**, and disciplined **choices**.

Like Jesus we are called to **submit** to human institutions even when they are unjust.

When we suffer **injustice** we are not to be **surprised** but rather show a **hope** that is not tied to the circumstances of this life.

With **humility** we are to **resist** the temptation to doubt God and depart from the **Way of the Cross**.

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**The Word of the Cross**  
**is the Gospel message.**  
  
**Jesus *is* the way.**

**The Way of the Cross**  
**is the Christian life.**  
  
**Jesus *shows* the way.**

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### Some questions that might get us started.

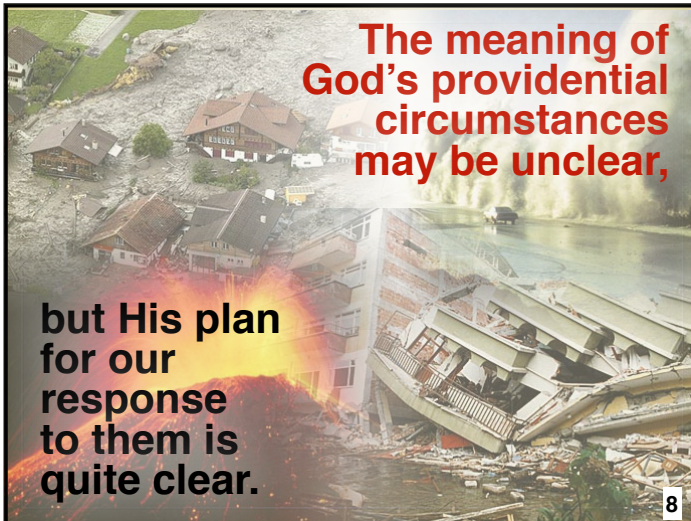
1. How have you been able to be heavenly rooted and also earthly relevant?
2. Why do you think evangelical Christians are so politically stressed when Jesus was not?
3. What are some misguided applications that you sense can come from 1 Peter?
4. How have you developed and demonstrated FAITH, HOPE, and LOVE that is not contingent on this life's circumstances?

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### Individual / Social Ethics

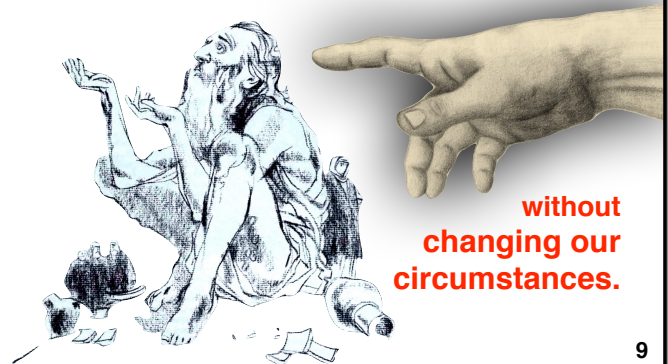
Pietistic	Prophetic	Political
private confessional beliefs and disciplines	speaking / showing truth to power	civic, social, economic, justice & reform
<b>Power &amp; Peace are spiritual New Testament (fear free zone)</b>		<b>Power &amp; Peace are physical (fear zone)</b>

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God's gift of grace to us is freedom from  
**Fear, Guilt, & Bitterness**



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