

Please Mind the Gap

Sermon 1 (16/5/2021) | 1 Peter 1:1-12; 5:12
Title: Please stand back from the platform doors.
Theme: Our new identity (v.1:3)
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Introduction (1 Peter 1:1-2)

1. Peter is writing to followers of Christ who are:
 - a. living throughout Asia Minor, currently Turkey
 - b. God's elect e_____, s_____, and s_____
2. A letter of encouragement (1 Peter 5:12)
3. Help for us to remember the message of this book.

Our New Identity

1. Living hope (1:3-5)
 - a. In contrast to the w_____ around us
 - b. Through the r_____ of Jesus. (1 Pet. 1:3; 1 Cor. 1:18)
 - c. An i_____ (1 Peter 1:4; Romans 8:17)
 - d. Hope in the midst of t_____ (1 Peter 1:6-9)
 - e. Salvation (1 Peter 1:10-12, Acts 2:37-38)
2. This new identity...
 - a. ...c_____ Peter
 - a. ...transformed lives
 - b. ...can t_____ you.
3. As Christ followers we have a heavenly c_____

For your spiritual growth

1. Read the book of 1 Peter
2. Key verse to memorize for this series: ***But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.*** | 1 Peter 2:9
3. Watch the eight minute Bible Project overview video of *1 Peter* in your Community Group or alone. <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/1-peter/>

Our special message from the MTR this week
"Please stand back from the platform doors."

Questions for Thought and Discussion

1. Why does Peter call his readers "exiles", "foreigners" and "scattered"?
2. In what way could believers today be called "exiles" or "strangers" and "scattered"? How will thinking this way change the way a person lives?
3. What are some of the characteristics of our new identity as believers in Jesus?
4. Why is understanding our new identity important for the Christian?
5. What do you think: do most Christians that you know, understand their new identity as a believer in Jesus? What could help them understand this identity better?
6. To do:
 - a. Read the book of 1 Peter. Next week we will look at 1 Peter 1:13-2:10.
 - b. Memorize: | 1 Peter 2:9
 - c. Watch the Bible Project overview of *1 Peter*
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