

***Living for Christ
in a Hostile World***

Studies in 1 Peter

Christian Citizens

1 Peter 2.11-17

1. The Moral Battle we all face, vs11,16

- *our status in the world*
foreigners, temporary residents Phil 3.20
- *our powerful opponents*
 - the world – the society we live in*
squeezing us into its mould Rom 12.2
 - the flesh – our old sinful nature*
self-centred and selfish v1; Gal 5.19-21
 - the devil – Satan*
tempting us to follow him Eph 2.1
- *our lifelong campaign v16*
Gal 5.16-17; Rom 6.13; 1 Cor 6.12

2. The Model Life we must all live, v12,15

- **Jesus sets the example**
he went about doing good Acts 10.38
so must we Gal 6.10
make the Gospel attractive Tit 2.10
- **accusers will be proved wrong v15**
silenced by sheer goodness
Mark 4.29; Mat 22.34; Mk 1.24
- **some may be won over to Christ 3.1-5**
when God visits, offering salvation
Mat 5.16; Luke 1.68,78; 7.16

3. The Responsible Submission we must all practise , vs13-14

- ***it's voluntary v15 - for the sake of Jesus***
God wants order, not chaos 1 Cor 14.33
Jesus is our example Lk 2.51
- ***God's will is for society to be ordered***
pray – and obey 1 Tim 2.1-3
beware of being a rebel Rom 13.2
- ***God's design for good government***
restrain evil, promote good
punish and reward
- ***limits are no excuse for ignoring the law***
Acts 4.18-20; 1 Tim 2.4