

1 Peter: Being A Believer In A Non-Believing Culture

Being a Believer in a Non-Believing Culture requires a commitment to Jesus that surpasses any commitment of any person who is not a follower of Christ.

Chosen By God

1 Peter 1:1-2

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, 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.

How does a follower of Christ live in a culture that is increasingly hostile and unreceptive to Christianity?

God's election removes any idea of merit or of deserving our salvation

God chose me. He set me apart. He saved me. He's more than capable of helping me live in a world opposed to Him.

How do I live a life that honors God in a world telling me to dishonor God?

How do I relate to other people, specifically those who reject Jesus?

Because I am chosen by God, set apart by the Spirit, and saved by Jesus, I am compelled to love the very people who are hostile toward me. This is obedience. This always wins out.