1 Peter

Part 7: Inside Out

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- Our Father the Impartial Judge
- Stangers *here* in reverent fear



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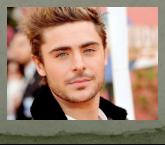

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IS THIS GOOD NEWS OR NOT?

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- We often define ourselves by our appearances; the "impressions" we try to make (and the ones that happen despite our best efforts…)
- God does not judge us or anyone else on appearances, but realities of the heart.
- CAN'T FOOL HIM. HE CHOSE TO LOVE AND REDEEM YOU ANYWAYS.

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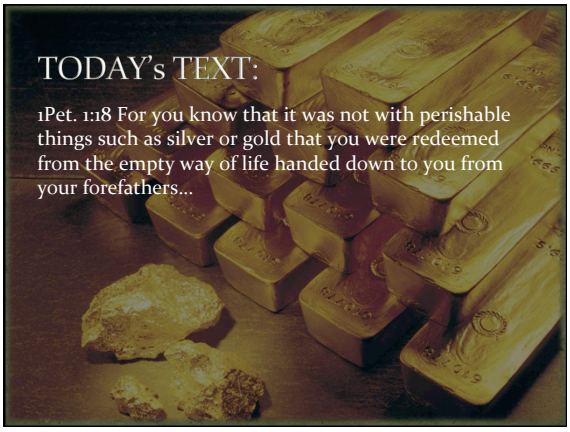

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- What WE use to correct appearances is often unlasting…
- Redemption: price of freedom from slavery, debt, imprisonment.
- Or from EMPTY way of living…

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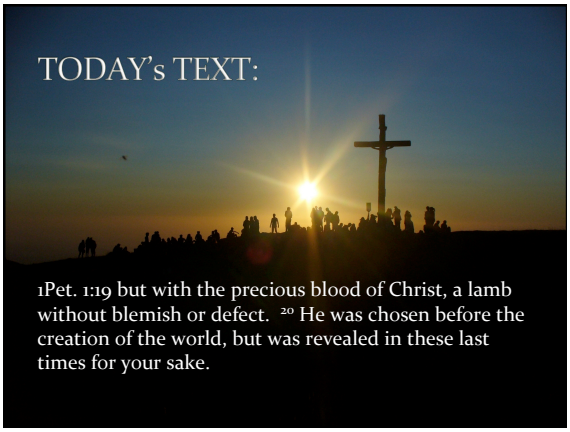

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- This is NOT temporary, empty, or a mere impression.

IS IT?

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- Trusting God instead of….

Love & respect of friends or community; cool branding; financial security; health; looks & charm; accomplishments; possessions; natural abilities; community status…

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MY ABILITY TO JUST LOOK GOOD
And
THE SHALLOW TEMPORARY PROPS THE WORLD GIVES ME TO DO THIS

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- **John 15:19** ...As it is, you do **not** belong to the **world**, but I have chosen you out **of** the **world**...
- 1 Peter 1:3 ...in his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade — kept in heaven for you,

TODAY's TEXT:

15 But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; 16 for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

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1Pet. 1:22 Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart. 23 For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

WHO AM I?



- A child of God
- From whom I need not hide;
- Given identity, worth, purpose
- That is *not* a mere impression
- That will never wear out
- That is not a function of the fickleness of the world around me
- But of the Holiness and Choice of God; purchased by the life of One with no flaw at all.

