

1 Peter 2:11-12

- I. The _____ of verse 11
- A. Comes on the heels of how Peter has described the believer positionally
 - 1. A unique _____ created and empowered by God Vs 9a
 - 2. A unique _____ in life Vs 9b
 - 3. A unique _____ which God orchestrated Vs 10
 - B. Made out of _____ for the believers Vs 11a "You whom I dearly love"
 - C. Appeals to the fact that life on the earth for the believer is not _____ Vs 11b
 - 1. **Beseech**-to _____, exhort, admonish, strongly appeal to
 - 2. **Strangers**- one who lives in a place _____ the right of citizenship
 - a. _____ our salvation we were strangers to God Eph 2:12 *That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:*
 - b. After salvation we have become strangers to the _____ Eph 2:19 *Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God;*
 - 3. **Pilgrims**-one from a foreign land _____ through to another destination
 - a. Pilgrims used only in one other place
 - b. Heb 11:13 *These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.-a reference to the Heroes of the Faith listed in Hebrews 11*
- II. The _____ of Verse 11c
- A. **Abstain from**-to hold oneself back from, to _____
 - 1. Abstain used five other times in the Scripture
 - 2. Ac 15:20 *But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood.*
 - 3. Ac 15:29 *That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.*
 - 4. 1Th 4:3 *For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:*
 - 5. 1Th 5:22 *Abstain from all appearance of evil.*
 - 6. 1Ti 4:3 *Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.*
 - B. **Abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul**
 - 1. **Fleshly**- having the nature of flesh; under the control of the _____ appetites
 - 2. **Lusts**-desires, cravings or longings for that which is _____ to the Christian
 - 3. **Which war against the soul**
 - a. Set out to destroy the _____ life of the believer
 - b. Set out to destroy the believer's _____ relationship with Christ
- III. Peter gives them _____ living instruction Vs 12
- A. **Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles Vs 12a**
 - 1. **Conversation**-your personal life as you _____ it in the world
 - 2. **Honest among the Gentiles**-As you live among the unsaved be _____
 - B. **That, whereas they speak against you as evildoers Vs 12b**
- reproach

1. As the believer lives honestly before the unsaved, the unsaved are _____ going to understand the believer's lifestyle
2. **They speak against you**-And since the unbeliever does not understand they will give the explanation that seems the most _____ to their reprobate minds, which usually will be inaccurate
3. **As evil doers**-We will appear in the eyes of the unsaved as the one's committing _____

C.
visitation

Vs 12c

1. **By your good works**
 - a. **By**-Owing to the fact that they have _____ your daily behavior
 - b. **Good works**-in _____ with the teachings of Scripture
2. **Which they shall behold**-which they will be carefully scrutinizing for the purpose of finding _____
3. **Glorify God in the day of visitation**
 - a. **Glorify God**-the unsaved do not glorify God until God changes their heart-

 - b. **Day of visitation**-the day when God will give to them his gift of salvation. (Cf. Eph 2:8-9) On that day, the spiritual blindness will be removed from their eyes, and they will see clearly that the lifestyle of the believers they had been scrutinizing was actually one generated by the indwelling the Holy Spirit. Thus, they will praise God for the lifestyle of the believers which they used to criticize and _____. (**They may by your good works..... glorify God**)