

FIRST PETER

Sure Hope for Unsure Days

Our War & Witness

1 Peter 2:11-12

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Father in heaven, you are good, merciful, gracious and long-suffering. All your actions flow from your steadfast love & faithfulness. We praise & bless your good name. Lord, we confess our wandering hearts that often go looking for good in this world apart from you. We foolishly assume your creation can satisfy our hearts more than you can, our Creator. We confess that in Christ all things live and move and have all their being. You Jesus are the firstborn of all creation and all things were created through you and for you. And you are before all things, and in you all things hold together. Cause our hearts to reflect often on this good truth & produce in us faith and repentance when our affections turn away from your good for us. Do these things for us this morning through the working of your Spirit, by the preaching of your Word & for your supreme glory forevermore. Amen & Amen.

OUTLINE

1. Our War from Within (v. 11)
 - A. Our Urgent Context
 - B. Our Urgent Command
 - C. Our Urgent Concern
2. Our Witness before the World (v. 12)
 - A. Honorable Conduct
 - B. Speak Evil
 - C. Glorify God

Central Textual Truth

Peter calls the elect exile to remember they are His people because of Christ.

Central Sermon Aim

I want SGBC to remember that we are His people because of Christ.