

Living Like Exiles

Hope that Goes the Distance

(1 Peter 1:1-12)

I. Our Identity (v. 1)

- A. Elect – we belong to God
- B. Exiles – we don't belong to this world

“Believers are exiles, not because they are displaced from their homeland. Many people in the Greco-Roman world no longer lived in their place of origin. Believers are exiles because they suffer for their faith in a world that finds their faith off-putting and strange.”

Thomas R. Schreiner, *The New American Commentary*

II. Hope that Goes the Distance (v 3-4a)

- A. Our hope is rooted in the resurrection of Christ.
- B. Our hope is more than positive thinking or optimism.
- C. Our hope is more than luck.
- D. Hope when we're vulnerable (v 4b-5)
- E. Hope when we're hurting (v 6-7)

“You must never confuse faith that you will prevail in the end - which you can never afford to lose - with the discipline to confront the most brutal facts of your current reality, whatever they might be.” The Stockdale Paradox

"When a train goes through a tunnel and it gets dark, you don't throw away the ticket and jump off. You sit still and trust the engineer." Corrie Ten Boom

III. Going the Distance with Hope (v 8-9, 12b)