"How Hope of the Resurrection Can Advance the Kingdom"

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"Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us." 1 Peter 2:11-12

Last week, Peter uses 4 Pictures to show WHAT Hope of the Resurrection Transforms us into.

 How do Kingdom of God Citizens live daily lives that Announce and Advance the Kingdom?

Peter spells out a powerful principle that partners with God's Power to great result

To Correctly live among non-believers we must never

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"Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles..." 1 Peter 2:11a

Christ-followers are to intentionally avoid anything used to feed a ______.

"...to **abstain from sinful desires** which wage war against your soul." 1 Peter 2:11b

Instead, live "good lives" among your culture so as to

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Jesus: "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, **let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.**" Matthew 5:14-16

The day of ______ is coming!

"...they may see your good deeds and glorify God on **the day he visits us.**" 1 Peter 2:12b

Peter advises how Righteousness inspired by Hope looks:

- Righteous Expressions of Hope as a Citizen: 1 Peter 2:13-17
- Righteous Expressions of Hope as a Slave: 1 Peter 2:18-25
- Righteous Expressions of Hope in a Mixed Marriage: 1 Peter 3:1-7
- Righteous Expressions of Hope within a Christian Community (Church): 1 Peter 3:8-12

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