

“Dual Status”

1. How were the recipients of the letter we call 1 Peter viewed within human society? Before answering, read the passages below.
a. 1:1, 17; 2:11 b. 2:12; 3:16; 4:4, 14, 16

To what degree do you feel you are viewed in those ways? If possible, illustrate with something you have actually experienced.

2. What was their status in God's appraisal? Read 1 Peter 1:1–2, 12; 2:5, 9; 3:4; 5:5.

Which of these descriptions of Christians (e.g., “elect”/“chosen”, “a holy priesthood”) is most difficult for you to believe about yourself? Why?

3. How did their present condition contrast with their past? Read 1:14–16; 2:10, 25; 4:1–3.

In your “faith story,” which of these contrasts is most evident?

4. How would their future condition contrast with the present? Read 1:3–9; 4:6, 13; 5:6, 10.

Which of these assurances concerning the future is most precious to you? Why does it particularly appeal to you?

Recurring Questions

- » How have you seen God working in your life or the lives of those around you this week?
- » What prayer requests would you like to share with the group, including prayer for any spiritual struggles you may be experiencing?