

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for January 7-8, 1995

"Good Conduct among Gentiles"

1 Peter 2:11-12

Confident and optimistic evangelism should be our experience even in the midst of negative situations if two things are present.

ABSTINENCE FROM FLESHLY LUSTS (v.11)

Who we are ("aliens and strangers")

"Aliens" (PAROIKOUS). It denotes living in a foreign country where they do not have any rights as citizens.

"Strangers" (PAREPIDEMOUS). Portrays them as living alongside of people to whom they do not belong.

What we are to do (abstain from fleshly lusts).

"Fleshly lusts" - all cravings of depraved flesh.

Why? (They wage war against our souls).

"Wage war" (STRATEUONTAI). Not a military skirmish but a military campaign .

"Soul" - OUTER FRUITFULNESS

"Observe" (EPOPTEUONTES) - Compare 1 Peter 3:2 - Suggest an act of observing that leads to change.

"Day of Visitation" - is a decisive interaction of God in human affairs.

For judgement - Is. 10:3, Jer. 6:15, Jer. 8:12 For blessing - Luke 19:44