

A city skyline at night, featuring several illuminated skyscrapers. A bright lightning bolt strikes a building on the left side of the frame. The sky is dark and cloudy.

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# 1 Peter 1:3-5

English Standard Version

<sup>3</sup> **Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!**  
According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living **hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to an inheritance that is **imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven** for you, <sup>5</sup> who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

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# 1 Peter 1:6-7

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<sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that **the tested genuineness of your faith**—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

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# 1 Peter 1:13-14

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<sup>13</sup> Therefore, **preparing your minds for action**, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>14</sup> As obedient children, do not be **conformed** to the **passions of your former ignorance**,

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# 1 Peter 2:9-11

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<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen **race**, a royal **priesthood**, a holy **nation**, a people for his own **possession**, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, I urge you as **sojourners** and **exiles** to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

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# 1 Peter 2:12

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<sup>12</sup> Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that **when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds** and glorify God on the day of visitation.

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*They dwell in their own countries, but **simply as sojourners**. As citizens, they share in all things with others, and yet endure all things **as if foreigners**. Every foreign land is to them as their native country, and every land of their birth as **a land of strangers**. They marry, as do all [others]; they beget children; but they do not destroy their offspring. They have a common table, but not a common bed. They are in the flesh, but they **do not live after the flesh**.*

**Epistle of Diognetus**

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**Who** do you think you are?

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# Who do you think you are?

- helps define your **community**
- helps define your **purpose** and **goals**
- helps define your **moral standards**
- helps define your **self-worth**

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