

## THIS, NOT THAT

**1 Peter 2:11-25, ESV** – <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. <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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# SERMON-BASED STUDY

For the week of June 21, 2020

1 Peter 2:11-12

## QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

## ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

1 What is the heart of Peter's passionate plea for our behavior choices? What are the good things God has for those who seek holiness?

2 "Abstaining from the passions of the flesh" involves a perpetual life of moving away from the flesh. What does this kind of life look like on a daily basis?

3 What people are watching your life? What are they learning about Jesus from watching you?

## DIGGING DEEPER

A **Galatians 5:16-26, ESV** – <sup>16</sup> But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. <sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. <sup>26</sup> Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

4 Looking at the passage above, contrast those who live by the flesh and those who live by the Spirit.

5 How does a person “walk by the Spirit”? Can a person resist the desires of the flesh without the Spirit? Explain.

6 As mentioned before, this is a daily, perpetual process in the life of a believer. What practical things can, and must, a believer do in their daily life to “walk by the Spirit”?

**B** **Matthew 5:14-16, ESV** – <sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

7 What does it mean to be “the light of the world”? What is light used for?

8 Why is it important to let our light shine before others? What does it look like when we shine our light before others?

9 How do our choices affect our success at being “the light of the world”?

## TAKING IT HOME

This week, we were reminded that God has called and chosen us to make much about Him. He has called us out of darkness and into His light. Our response should be to choose the Spirit over the flesh. We choose to walk with God over walking with the world, so that the world will see Jesus in us and give glory to God. How are you doing with your choices? In what areas of your life do you need to make better choices? Share with your group or accountability partner what God is laying on your heart and pray that you will choose rightly in your daily activities.

## PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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## FOR FURTHER STUDY

Romans 13:14

2 Corinthians 8:21; 9:13

Philippians 2:15

Titus 2:8

James 4:1