

What's a Christian to Do?

1 Peter 2:11-17

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Our Situation in the World, v. 11

- A. We are aliens and strangers. v. 11
 - Four Challenges, vv. 12-16

1. Our Personal Challenge, vv. 11, 16

- A. Abstain from fleshly lusts. vv. 11, 16
 - They wage war against the soul.
 - We are not free to do wrong.
 - We belong to God.

2. Our Public Challenge, v. 12

- A. Keep our behavior excellent. v. 12
 - The world's ways should not be our ways.
 - Eventually, we will be vindicated.

3. Our Civic Challenge, vv. 13-15

- A. Be good citizens. vv. 13-15
 - Submit to governing authorities.
 - No command to obey unbiblical laws.
 - Governing authorities are supposed to honor God.

4. Our Intellectual Challenge, v. 15

- A. Silence error. v. 15
 - The real problem is wrong ideas.
 - We are engaged in a battle of truth and error.
 - Truth will win.

Our Guiding Mandate, v. 17

- A. Honor all people.
- B. Love the brotherhood.
- C. Fear God.
- D. Honor the king.