

## **Living in Babylon**

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1. Consider where you would be if God had not set His love upon you. How has God's love changed you and changed your life? How does His love of you affect how thinking and actions toward others?
2. How long will we be living in "Paganville" (I.e living in a world that does not honor Jesus as Lord)? What type of lives should we live now, while we are strangers in a strange land? 1 Peter 2:11-12
3. With anxieties, we are to cast our cares upon our God. 1 Peter 5:7. What is the significance that God knows you (Jeremiah 1:5), as you think about the anxieties of life? How should Christians interact with others who don't know Jesus - as they interact with anxieties of life?
4. How should we think about the presence and motive of the Devil? What is His goal and how does He try to achieve it? What is the significance of belonging to Jesus, knowing that there is a real enemy named Satan? How should a Christian live in light of a real enemy, and a greater Savior? What should prayer be like, in light of a real enemy? What does it mean to resist the devil? (I1Peter 5:8)
5. What impact has the study of 1 Peter had on you? What specific thing do you want to be more true in your life, considering all we have learned? What is the importance of remembering that we are not home yet - and what impact should that have on how we live for Jesus now?