



I Peter

A Lonely Planet Guide
for Strangers and Exiles

10. Living in a Polluted World

I Peter 4:1-11

- 2 fixed points in the Christians life – Christ’s death (v1) and Christ’s return (v7). All of life is lived in light of these two points.

1. **Fight pollution because Christ is your Saviour v1-6**

- We live in an atmosphere of moral smog and are called to be holy (1:15)
 - a) Grasp that Christians have made a clean break with sin v1**
 - ‘Arm yourselves’ – Holy living is a battle that starts in the mind
 - Have the same attitude as Jesus – I will do God’s will even if I have to suffer (3:17)
 - A clean break has been made – Christ died that we might be dead to sin and live for righteousness (2:24)
 - The Christian faces crunch points where they must choose sin or Christ.
 - The more we choose Christ, the more we are ‘done with sin’
 - b) Grasp that Christians make their choices for God v2-3**
 - The Christian sees life as a series of choices – God’s will or human desires?
 - Motivations – desire to be free from sin (v1), not to waste more of our lives (v3)
 - c) Grasp that Christians live for God’s verdict v4-6**
 - Drawing a moral line will provoke former friends v4
 - The force of peer pressure/fear of man can pull us into sin
 - Remedy – Christ the judge is coming, and all must give account to him.
 - Live for his verdict not the verdict of people around you.

2. **Live purely because Christ is returning v7-11**

- Christ’s return is the next item on God’s agenda – in that sense it is near
- Christians live expecting their king to return soon. This shapes how we live
 - a) Be level headed v7**
 - No crazy ‘end of the world’ stuff
 - Knowing the big picture of life allows you to keep your priorities right
 - Keeping right priorities creates and shapes our prayers
 - b) Love deeply v8,9**
 - ‘deeply’ = constantly, strenuously. Make an effort and be consistent
 - Practical application – are we grudge bearers or forgiving? (cf Matt 18:21-22)
 - Practical application – are our homes open to our fellow Christians?
 - c) Serve to Glorify God v10-11**
 - The King is coming – Use your gifts (time, abilities) to bring glory to him
 - In this you bring God’s grace into the lives of others v10



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Notices

Sunday	Evening service in Day Centre	8pm
Tuesday	No Bible Study	
Thur 24th	Public Meeting: Angels - Myth or Messengers Rev Raymond Blair O'Donnell Suite - Gallagher's Hotel	8pm
Sun 27th	Sermon on I Peter 4:1-11	10.15am
December		
Mon 5th	The Christian Institute Mount Errigal Hotel <i>Informing Christians of key issues facing the church in Ireland today</i>	8pm

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