



OUTSIDERS

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Meet the Outsiders
1 Peter 1:1-9

When have you ever felt like an outsider?

1 Peter 1:1-5 *Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen 2 according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure. 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

Four facts to remember when you feel like an outsider:

I. You are _____.

II. You are _____.

III. You are _____.

IV. You are _____.

The Response of an Outsider: _____

1 Peter 1:6-9 *In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, 7 so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ; 8 and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, 9 obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.*

Why Rejoice?

1. Because your difficulties are _____.

2. Because you're being _____.

"You may encounter many defeats, but you must not be defeated. In fact, it may be necessary to encounter the defeats, so you can know who you are, what you can rise from, how you can still come out of it."
—Maya Angelou

3. Because you _____.

4. Because you _____.

Point: _____

Field Notes: Reflections From Outside



1. When have you felt like an outsider in life? In faith?
2. How would knowing you are chosen by God, "made for this," affect your activities and/or attitudes?
3. When has a hardship refined your character? Your priorities? Your faith in Christ?
4. Do you tend to be easily disappointed when things don't go smoothly or do you see the twists and turns of the trail of life as an adventure? How might God desire to change your perspective?
5. Of the four reasons to rejoice, which do you need to focus on right now? Why?

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