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Meet the Outsiders
1 Peter 1:1-9

- When have you ever felt like an outsider?**
- Have you ever felt like an outsider at work?**
- Have you ever felt like an outsider at home?**
- Have you ever felt like an outsider when you traveled?**

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 Traits of the Spiritual Outsider:

I. _____ by God.

II. _____.

John 3:6-7 Jesus says, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'"

III. _____ of an imperishable, undefiled, inheritance.

IV. _____ by the power of God.

Main Point:

How do outsiders respond?

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.*

Rejoicing in what?

1. Your trials are _____.
2. Your trials _____ your faith.
3. We love and believe in the _____.
4. The salvation of your _____.

Field Notes: Reflections From Outside.

1. When have you felt like an outsider in life?
2. When have you felt like an outsider for Jesus this week? How does your faith make you an outsider?
3. When have you felt chosen by God? How?
4. How are you living out the traits of the Spiritual outsider?



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