

# THEREFORE... “INSTRUCTIONS”

I Peter 1:13 – 2:3

Intro: We are not citizens on earth trying to get to Heaven.

We are citizens of Heaven just living on earth.

Five Levels of Persecution by the World:

1. Stereotyping
2. Vilifying
3. Marginalizing
4. Criminalizing
5. Persecuting

I. Do not give up and conform to the world. (13-16)

“Be holy.” = To be set apart.

Cf. 1 Cor. 15:33

II. Do not forget what Jesus did for you. (17-22)

“Be loving.”

Cf. John 13:34, 35

I John 3:11,18

Romans 13:8

I John 4:7

I Thess. 4:9

Matthew 5:43-44

The love they see in you points people to the love they see in Christ.

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III. Do not neglect the Word of God. (1:23-2:3)

“Be hungry.”

Not only are Christians being marginalized, but also the Bible is being marginalized.

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