

Week Three
Chosen Exiles: Hope for a Scattered People
Studies in 1 Peter for the White Station Church of Christ

*These questions are designed to help you dig deeper into **1 Peter 1:13-21**.*

Video 1 – Why Baptism Isn’t about Baptism

1. Do you recall your baptism? What was the setting? What memory or event around it is most significant in your memory?
2. The video distinguishes an “evangelistic appeal to be baptized” from “Christian instruction about baptism”? Which is 1 Peter in its baptismal references?
3. What does Rubel mean by saying, “Baptism isn’t really about baptism”? Do you agree?
4. First Peter 1:3 speaks of “new birth.” What is the background for that language in the ministry of Jesus? See John 3:1-10.
5. The video refers to Christians who sometimes ask about being “rebaptized” for one reason or another. Ever had that question in your mind? What do you think of Rubel’s response?

Video 2 – Ready for Action

1. What is the point of the imagery at v.13?
2. The video refers to baptism as a “symbol”? What does baptism symbolize? Why would it be a mistake to call baptism a “mere symbol”?
3. How does this section of the epistle affirm the nature of faith as explained at James 2:14ff?
4. “Be holy, for [God] is holy” has been misunderstood by some people. How so? In biblical vocabulary, what does *holiness* involve?
5. What does v.18 indicate about the previous lives of Peter’s original readers? What does it indicate about their responsibility in the future?

Video 3 – New Birth Opens the Door to New Life

1. Why would Gentile converts to Christ need more practical counsel on the nature of holy living than persons with a Jewish background? What do you know of pagan religions?
2. That “baptism isn’t about baptism” is clear from vs.18-19. Explain.
3. What key ideas jump out from vs.22-23? What is the best environment for learning how to live a new life in Christian holiness?
4. What was your reaction to hearing the story of “Judy” and her baptism?
5. What affirmation was given her by the people who witnessed her baptism? Given her life background, what was something like that appropriate and biblical?