

Message

Title: Chosen For Christ Not Comfort

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“We’re chosen for Christ—not for comfort. Let your future with Him shape how you live today.”

Introduction

Set your hope on Christ this week and let that hope influence your actions, attitudes, and choices.

Are you living for comfort, or for Christ’s calling—even when it gets uncomfortable?

When life feels like a fiery ordeal, it’s easy to slip into survival mode and focus on staying comfortable. But in this opening message of our new series in 1 Peter, we’re reminded that following Jesus means embracing a life that’s not always easy or popular. Peter, who knew hardship firsthand, encourages us that we’ve been chosen by God—not for an easy life, but for a life set apart for Christ’s purposes, even when it means standing out or facing challenges.

This sermon unpacks how our identity as God’s people shapes how we travel through uncertain times. Rather than letting today’s pressures and pains decide our choices, we’re called to let our eternal hope in Christ define how we respond, grow, and love others right now. The question is: What are you packing for the journey, and what do you need to leave behind so your future hope directs your present steps?

Scripture

1 Peter 1:1-2 — Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the chosen ones who are living as foreigners in the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,



Exodus 24:3-8 — Moses came and told the people all Yahweh's words, and all the ordinances; and all the people answered with one voice, and said, "All the words which Yahweh has spoken will we do."

Luke 22:20 — Likewise, he took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

Romans 8:18 — For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which will be revealed toward us.

Colossians 3:1-5 — If then you were raised together with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated on the right hand of God.

1 John 3:2-3 — Beloved, now we are children of God, and it is not yet revealed what we will be. But we know that, when he is revealed, we will be like him; for we will see him just as he is.

Don't Miss This

- Chosen for Christ, Not Comfort: God chooses us to be set apart for Christ, not for a life of ease or popularity. Our calling is rooted in obedience, not convenience.
- Hope Over Hype: Christian hope isn't wishful thinking about better circumstances; it's solid confidence in our ultimate future with Jesus, which reorders our perspectives and priorities.
- Holiness: The Journey, Not Just the Destination: Being set apart means leaving behind old ways and packing our lives with attitudes and actions that reflect Christ, starting now—not just someday.

Let's Chat

1. Where are you most tempted to choose comfort over Christ's calling in your life right now?



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2. What does 'setting your hope' practically look like for you this week?
3. How does remembering your future with Christ help you persevere in today's challenges?
4. What's one thing you sense God is asking you to 'leave out of your suitcase' on your journey with Him?
5. Who in your world might be looking for hope—and how can you point them to Christ this week?

