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I'm Not from Around Here....

1. My _____ makes me different
1 Peter 1:3, 21; Romans 8:24-25, Romans 12:12

2. My _____ makes me different
Leviticus 19:2; 1 Samuel 2:2; Isaiah 6:3; Hebrews 10:10

3. My _____ makes me different
1 John 4:18

“Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵ but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶ since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” ¹⁷ And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹ who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. ²² Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³ since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴ for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵ but the word of the Lord remains forever.” And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. ² Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.”
1 Peter 1:13 - 2:3

Key Ideas

1. _____ precedes _____
2. My identity is based on what God _____ not what I _____

Called To Be Different

Memory Verse

“Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation”
1 Peter 2:2

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MY NEXT STEP IS TO . . .

- Invite Jesus to by my Lord and Savior for the first time today
- Memorize 1 Peter 2:2
- Ask God to help me to identify those things in my life in which I'm putting false hope, rather than hoping in Him
- Commit to partnering with the Holy Spirit in living a holy life that reflects the goodness of our Holy God
- Confess the areas of my life where I've failed to live in obedience or reverence as a child of our Heavenly Father



Discussion Questions - Week #1

LIFEGROUPS

QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the sermon this weekend, "Called To Be Different," summarize the main point in a sentence or two.

Was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Do you plan on taking any practical steps this week in response to the message?

GETTING STARTED

- In the message this weekend Pastor Andrew shared that one of the ways we show we are different is by our hope. How is Christian hope different than optimism or positive thinking?

- Do you think our culture has a positive or negative view of holiness?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. King David was one of many biblical characters who faced difficult situations and yet retained his hope and trust in the Lord. Read Psalm 62. What stands out to you?

What challenge was David facing, and how did he respond?

How do you think David's hope enabled him to endure?

How does your hope shape your response to the challenges you face?

In verse ten, David lists some things his adversaries mistakenly put their hope in. What things are you or others you know tempted to put hope in?

What's something you could do to ensure that the things of this world don't crowd out your hope?

2. Read Isaiah 6:1-9. What does Isaiah see in his vision?

Why do you think a proper perspective on God's holiness led to an acknowledgment of Isaiah's sinfulness?

Why is confessing our sins an essential first step to be used by God?

Isaiah needed to be purified (made holy) before his commissioning. What impact does our holiness have on the calling God has placed on us?

Do you think it's possible to be holy in some areas of your life while not in others?

Is there any step you want to take in light of this passage?

FOR PRACTICE

This week's memory verse is 1 Peter 2:2, which says, "Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation." The spiritual milk Peter's referring to is the enduring word of God and the same thing he mentions in 1 Peter 1:23 as the source of their new birth. If you're not setting aside regular time to fill yourself with God's Word, then you're undernourished! Set a goal, start a habit. Whatever it takes. Get into the Word. Start this week, and keep it up.

SHARE IT

Is there anything you heard or learned in the weekend message or Life Group this week that you want to share with someone you know?

PRAYER REQUESTS

Take some time this week to pray for our Children's Ministry. Pray for the impact they're having on children and their families. Pray for the leaders and volunteers, that they would be blessed in and through their service and encouraged by the Kingdom difference they are making.