



Household of God

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- “House” – dwelling place, house
- “Household” – “of the house”
- Gen. 28:17-22
 - “This is the house of God...”
 - Gen. 32:22-30

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- God's elect – chosen according to the foreknowledge of God through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood.
- We have a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus from the dead...
- ...and an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade
- It is kept in heaven for those of us, who through faith are shielded by God's power
- In this we rejoice even though for a little while we suffer through all kinds of trials

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- These trials come to show the genuineness of our faith
- And they will result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed
- You have never seen him, but you love him and believe in him (trust in him, submit to him as his disciple or follower)
- The end result of your faith is the salvation of your souls
- Therefore, with minds that are alert and sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus is revealed
- As obedient children do not conform to the evil desire you had when you lived in ignorance

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- Be holy as he is holy
- Live out your life in reverent fear
- You have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other
- Rid yourself of all malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy and slander of every kind.
- Crave spiritual milk like newborn babies
- You come to him, the living stone, you also, like living stones are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood

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- You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light
- Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God
- Once you had no mercy, but now you have received mercy

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- 1John 3:2
- Hebrews 2:7-9 (Ps 8:5)
- John 14:1-4 – “many dwelling places” – places to abide, stay
- Gen. 1:26; 2:19-20
 - Hippopotamus