

# First Peter

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### 3. Separation by behavior from the old life, 2:11

- a. Our new attitude to the world around us, 2:11a –  
“Dearly beloved, I beseech *you* as strangers and pilgrims...”

Gen. 23:4 **I am a stranger and a sojourner** with you: give me a possession of a buryingplace with you, that I may bury my dead out of my sight.

Psa. 39:12 Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear unto my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears: for **I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.**

Eph. 2:19 Now therefore ye are no more **strangers and foreigners**, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;



Heb. 13:14 For **here have we no continuing city**, but we seek one to come.

b. Our new attitude to the war within us, 2:11b-c

(1) An attitude of denial, 2:11b – “...abstain from fleshly lusts...”

Original Word: ἀπέχω

Transliteration: apechó

Definition: I have in full, am far, it is enough.

Properly, to have one thing by separating from (letting go of) another.

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1 Jn. 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any men love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

Jas. 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the **friendship of the world is enmity with God**? whosoever therefore will be **a friend of the world is the enemy of God**.



- We are in the world, but not of the world. Like an island in the midst of the sea, we must draw our boundary lines of separation.

Gal. 5:16 *This* I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

26 Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.



Rom. 6:12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should **obey it in the lusts** thereof.

Rom. 13:14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and **make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.**

Eph. 2:3 Among whom also we all had **our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind**; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

Eph. 4:22 That ye put off concerning **the former conversation the old man**, which is corrupt **according to the deceitful lusts**;

1 Tim. 6:9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* **many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.**



2 Tim. 2:22 **Flee also youthful lusts:** but **follow** righteousness, faith, charity, peace, **with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.**

2 Tim. 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; **but after their own lusts** shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

Titus 3:3 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, **serving divers lusts and pleasures,** living in malice and envy, hateful, *and* hating one another.

1 Pet. 1:14 As obedient children, **not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:**



1 Pet. 4:2 That he **no longer should live the rest of *his* time in the flesh to the lusts of men**, but to the will of God.

3 For the time past of *our* life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, **lusts**, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:

Titus 2:12 Teaching us that, **denying ungodliness and worldly lusts**, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;



(2) An attitude of discernment, 2:11c –  
“...which war against the soul;”

Original Word: στρατεύομαι

Transliteration: strateuó

Definition: I wage war, fight, serve as a soldier; fig: of the warring lusts against the soul.

Properly, to contend, *fighting* like a soldier in *war*; (figuratively) to engage in *spiritual warfare*.

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- The negative aspect of spiritual warfare is the reality of it derailing our spirituality. (Eph. 6:10-18)
- The positive aspect spiritual warfare is the recognition of being prepared to fight the good fight of faith.



1 Tim. 6:12 **Fight the good fight of faith**, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

2 Tim. 4:7 **I have fought a good fight**, I have finished *my* course, I have kept the faith:

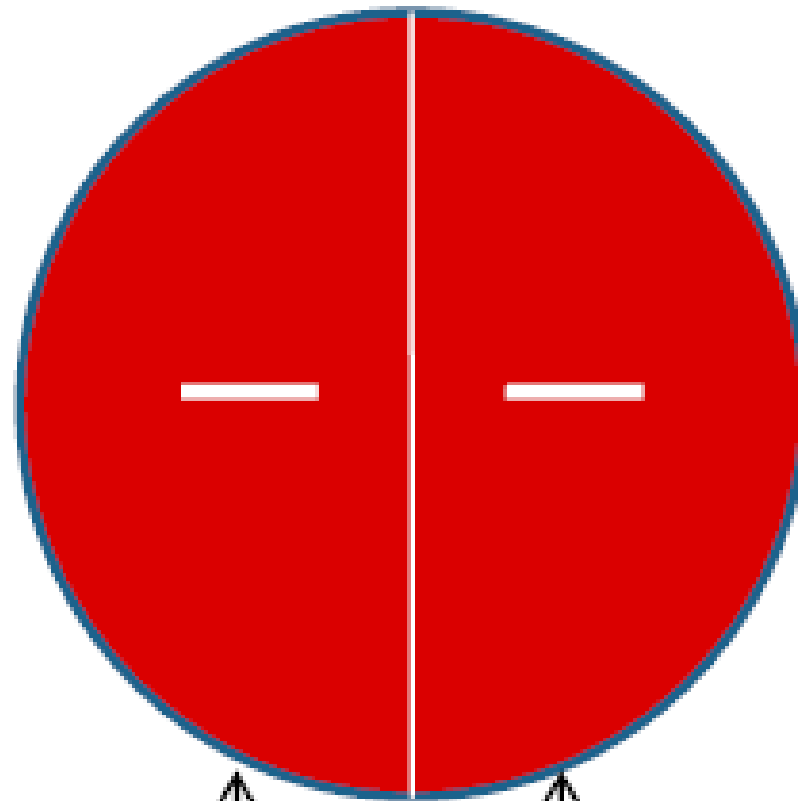
- Paul's mentoring and encouragement to Timothy is be prepared to fight a war against spiritual conflict.

1 Tim. 1:18 This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest **war** a good warfare;

2 Tim. 2:4 No man that **warreth** entangleth himself with the affairs of *this* life; **that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.**



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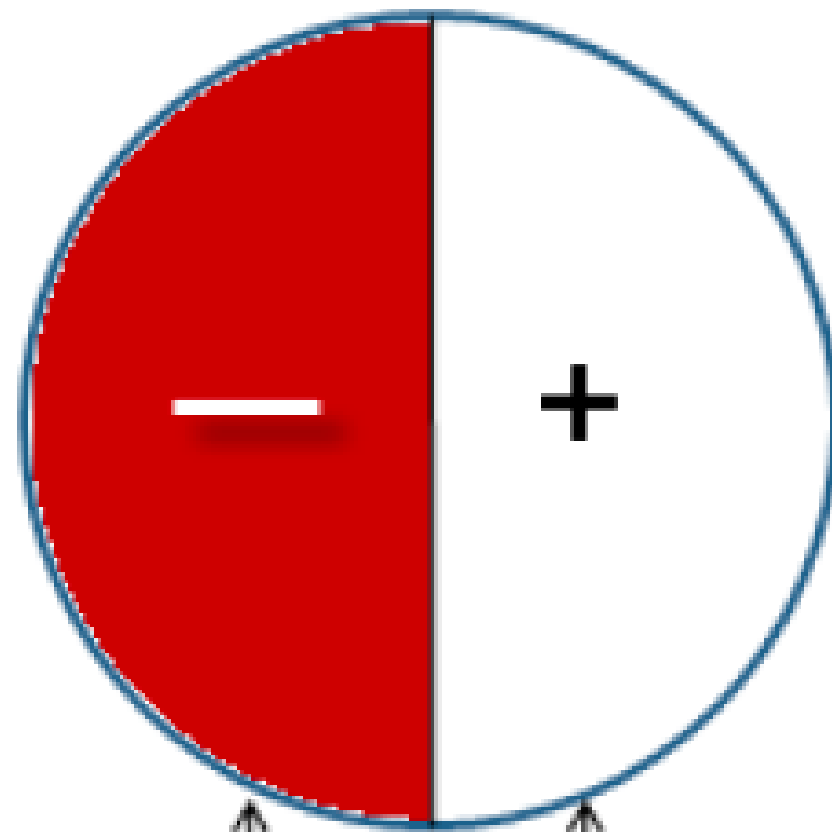


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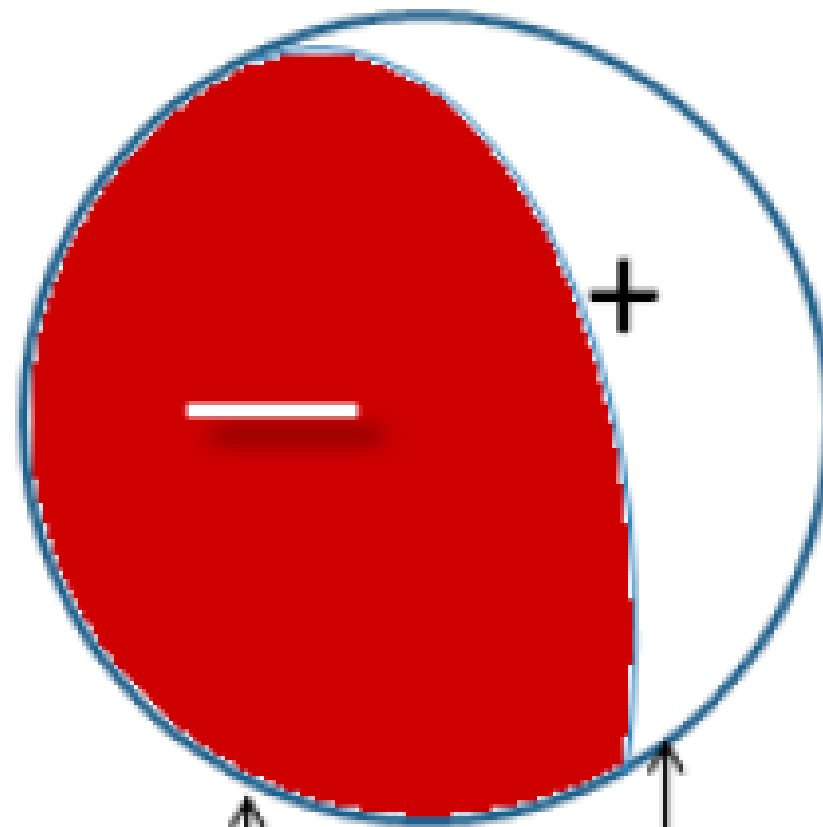


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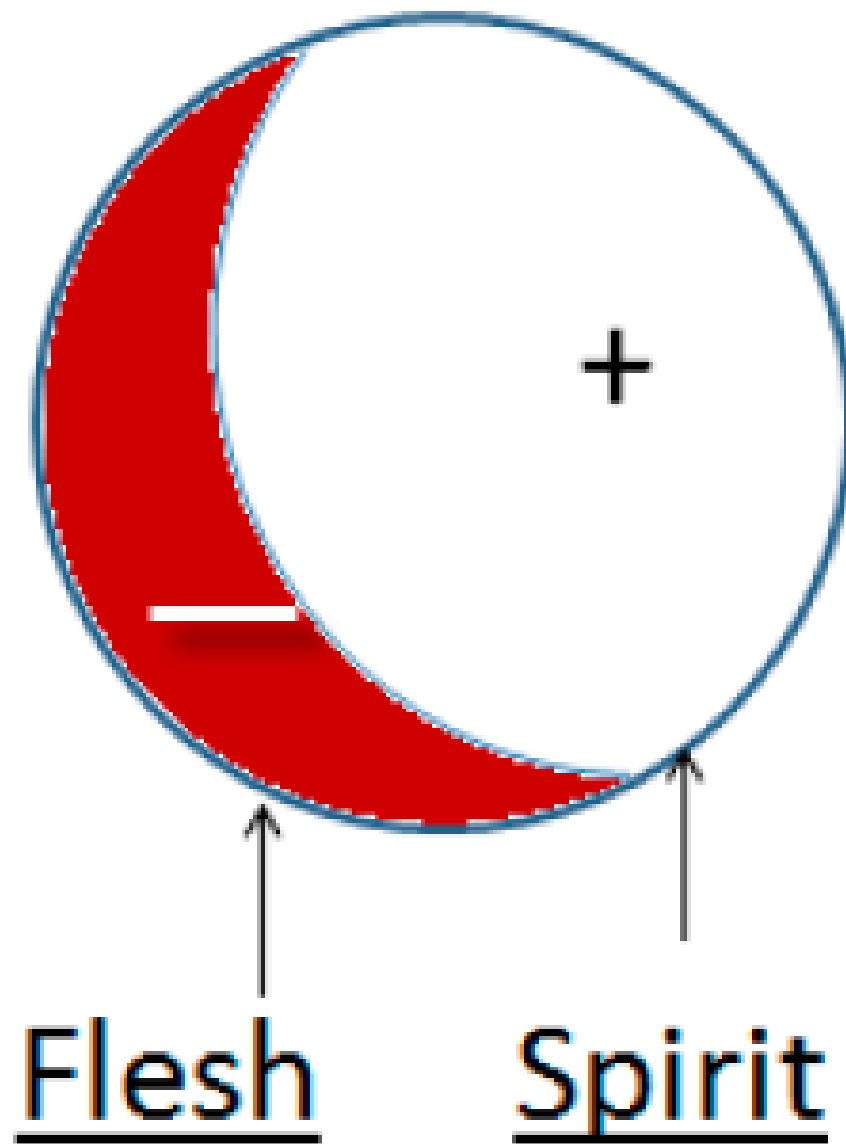


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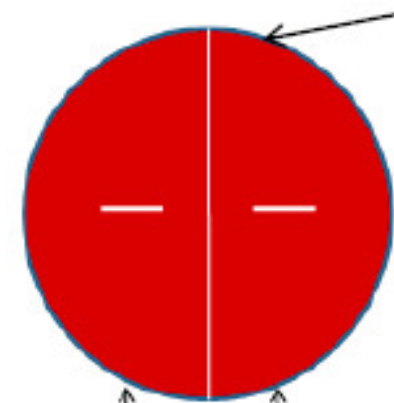
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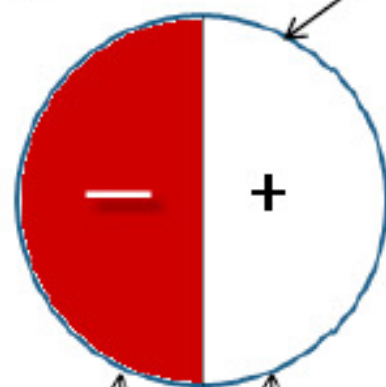
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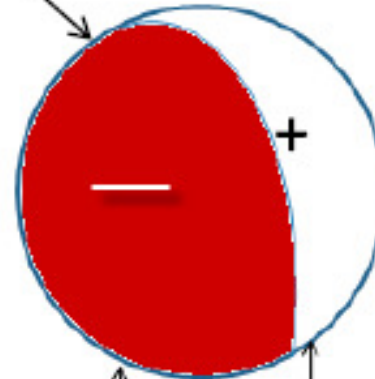
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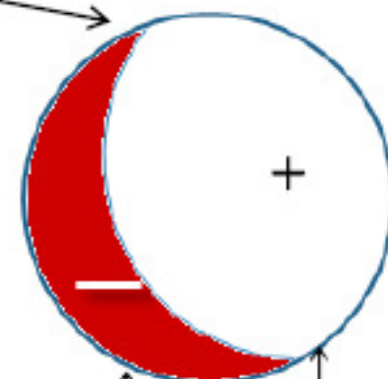
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## C. Its results, 2:12

1. A faithful admonition, 2:12a – “Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles...”

Original Word: καλός

Transliteration: kalos

Definition: beautiful, as an outward sign of the inward good, noble, honorable character; good, worthy, honorable, noble, and seen to be so, **honest**.

*kalós* – *attractively good; good that inspires (motivates) others to embrace what is lovely (beautiful, praiseworthy); i.e. well done so as to be winsome (appealing).*

<http://biblehub.com/greek/2570.htm>



Eph. 2:10 For we are his workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus unto good works**, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

2. A false accusation, 2:12b – “...that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers...”

3. A future affirmation, 2:12c – “...they may by *your* good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.”

Mt. 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, **that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.**



## Conclusion

Col. 3:1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

4 When Christ, *who is* our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.