



EXILES:

JOYFUL OR CYNICAL?

1 PETER





Identity
Conference

Living Freely

Submitting Your Days
to Jesus' Easy Yoke



September 9
6pm-10pm



Ages 18-25



Register Online

“And they came and said to him, ‘Teacher, we know that you are true and do not care about anyone’s opinion. For you are not swayed by appearances, but truly teach the way of God. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not? Should we pay them, or should we not?’”

Mark 12:14

“I will run in the way of your commandments
when you enlarge my heart!”

Psalms 119:32

I will run in the way of your commandments
for you have set my heart free!

I will only run in the way of your
commandments when you set my heart free!

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“To all perfection I see a limit, but your commands are boundless.”

Psalm 119:96 (NIV)

“As we go forward in our life and faith, our hearts will expand and we will run the way of God’s commandments with unspeakable sweetness of love.”

The Rule of Benedict, Prologue 49

What are some of the chains?

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- **impurity**

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- impurity
- **perishability**

God has done **everything** to ensure your total freedom to **truly love others**.

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“since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for

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1 Peter 1:22-25

- Pure faith in an imperishable **possession**

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- Pure conduct through an imperishable **purchase**

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- Pure love because of the imperishable **Word of God**

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earnest = stretched

“So Peter was kept in prison, but **earnest** prayer for him was made to God by the church.”

Acts 12:5

“And being in agony he prayed more **earnestly**; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.”

Luke 22:44

pure =

pure = unmixed
unhypocritical
genuine

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believing and living in the reality of who God
is and what he has done in the gospel

“For we ourselves were once foolish,
disobedient, led astray, slaves to various
passions and pleasures, passing our days in
malice and envy, hated by others and hating
one another.

“But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness,

“but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

“The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people.

“But avoid foolish controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless.

“As for a person who stirs up division, after warning him once and then twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned.”

Titus 3:4-11

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2. Love enabled by purity

3. Love empowered by **imperishability**

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Love requires **hope**.

The House of Perishability

“So put away all **malice** and all **deceit** and **hypocrisy** and **envy** and all **slander**.”

1 Peter 2:1

“But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated.

“For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one.

“Therefore do not throw away your
confidence, which has a great reward.”

Hebrews 10:32-35