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1 PETER 2:9-17 (NIV)

But 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 not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

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1 PETER 2:9-17 (NIV)

Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. For it is God’s will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people.
16 Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God’s slaves. Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honour the emperor.

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1. We are a people who were not a people.

1 PETER 2:10 (NIV)

Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God.

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Once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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That you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

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1 PETER 2:11 (NIV)

…foreigners and exiles…

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JEREMIAH 29:7 (NIV)

Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.

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2. We are called to live a good life.

1 PETER 2:12 (NIV)

Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

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JAMES 1:19 (NIV)

Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.

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1 PETER 2:17 (NIV)

Show proper respect to everyone.

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JOHN 13:55 (NIV)

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

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EPHESIANS 4:2-3 (NIV)

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.
Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

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3. We submit to earthly authority, for the Lord’s sake.

1 PETER 2:13, 17 (NIV)

Verse 13: Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every human authority.

Verse 17: Honour the emperor.

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1 TIMOTHY 2:1-2 (NIV)

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people, for kings and all those in authority...

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1 PETER 2:16 (NIV)

Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves.

1 PETER 2:16 (MSG)

Exercise your freedom by serving God, not by breaking the rules."

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1 PETER 2:10 (NIV)

“Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God.”

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