



FOREIGNERS & EXILES

A HOLY DISRUPTION

1 PETER 1:17-22

“Disruptive Innovation”: the selling of a cheaper, poorer-quality product that initially reaches less profitable customers but eventually takes over and devours an entire industry.

– Clay Christenson, *The Disruptive Machine*, *The New Yorker*, 6.23.2014

Two Innate Human Realities

- 1.) We love to mimic things
- 2.) Sometimes a disruption is needed to break the mimicking cycle

But just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”

-1 Peter 1:15-16

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. – Genesis 1:26-27

Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. — 1 Peter 1:17

You call out to God for help and he helps—he's a good Father that way. But don't forget, he's also a responsible Father, and won't let you get by with sloppy living. — 1 Peter 1: 17, The Message Translation

the emptiness of your inherited way of life

– 1 Peter 1: 18

Be who you are, Not who you were, Because you
belong to Someone better now.

Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart.

– 1 Peter 1: 22

Now that you've cleaned up your lives by following the truth, love one another as if your lives depended on it.

– 1 Peter 1:22, The Message Translation

The church today is suffering from a fellowship crisis... In a world of big, imperial institutions, the church often looks like just another big, impersonal institution... One seldom finds within the institutionalized church today that winsome intimacy among people where masks are dropped, honesty prevails, and that sense of communication and community beyond the human abounds – where there is literally the fellowship of and in the Holy Spirit.

– Howard Snyder, *The Problem of Wineskins*