

You are the Lord's *beloved!*

(Greek: Ἀγαπητοί - "agapetoi")

I. Four Para-s

- a. The Para that we need – *para-kaleo*
- b. The paras that we are – foreigners & exiles
- c. The parasites we don't want

II. Abstain from sinful desires

- a. The progression from desire to sin: James 1:13-15
- b. Parasites of the soul
- c. Pictures of a parasite-free pilgrimage: Hebrews 11

III. Live the good life!

- a. *Good* = outward beauty reflecting inward purity
- b. Unbelievers swap God's good for worldly bad
- c. All will be revealed on the day Jesus Christ appears

As God's beloved: rest, trust, and live in his love, and he will take care of the rest (Phil. 1:6).