

The Ethics And Advocacy Of God's People

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Advocacy = CONVICTION That Results In ACTIONABLE SUPPORT

6 Truths About Christian Advocacy:

1) Our Advocacy Is Determined By Our ALLEGIANCE TO CHRIST

1 Peter 2:9, *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. 10 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.*

1 Peter 2:11, *Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles...*

1 Peter 1:3, *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.*

1 Peter 2:11, *Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires...*

1 Peter 1:13, *Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at His coming. 14 As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. 15 But just as He Who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; 16 for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." 17 Since you call on a Father Who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear.*

2) Advocacy Begins With PERSONAL TRANSFORMATION

1 Peter 2:11, *Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul.*

1 Peter 1:23, *You have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding Word of God; 24 for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, 25 but the Word of the Lord remains forever.”*

3) Advocacy Is Displayed In Our PUBLIC CONDUCT

1 Peter 2:12, *Live such good lives among the pagans...*

1 Peter 4:3, *For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do—living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry. 4 They are surprised that you do not join them in their reckless, wild living, and they heap abuse on you. 5 But they will have to give account to Him Who is ready to judge the living and the dead.*

4) The Goal Of Our Advocacy Is SOCIETAL INFLUENCE

1 Peter 2:12, *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.*

5) Advocacy Without Action Is ARROGANCE

Luke 20:46, *“Beware of the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. 47 They devour widows’ houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely.”*

6) Advocacy With Action Is ADORATION

1 Peter 2:12, *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.*

Matthew 5:16, *In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven.*