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# ABSTAINING FROM SIN: LEGALISM OR GRACE?

## 1 PETER 2:11–12



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## LIVING IN LIGHT OF ETERNITY

**Rom. 6:1, “What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?”**

**Rom. 6:2, “Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?”**

**Gal. 5:13, “For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.”**

# What is “the flesh”?

1. The flesh of a living creature.
2. Used to refer to the physical body.
3. Used to refer to the material body in contrast to the immaterial nature.
4. Used with reference to the weakness or sinfulness of man, the capacity to sin, the nature of sin, the sinful passions and affections.

**Fleshly and fleshy, *sarkikos*, that which pertains to the sin nature, the desires and lust patterns of the sin nature.**

## **What is “the flesh”?**

**The Scripture uses the word “flesh” to describe the sinful capacity, the corruption which sin has brought, upon the human race and all of the desires, thoughts, actions, and trends which orient each of us away from God and His perfect righteousness.**

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**Negatively: Abstain from fleshly lusts**

**Positively: Have a noble and morally good life among the Gentiles**

**ἀναστροφή *anastrophē* way of life,  
lifestyle; manner of life**

**1 Pet. 1:15, “but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,”**

**1 Pet. 1:17, “And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one’s work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear;**

**1 Pet. 1:18, “knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,”**

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*agapētos*

**voc masc plur  
(verbal)  
“beloved”**

**Rom. 1:7, “To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”**

**Rom. 12:19, “Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, ‘Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,’ says the Lord.”**

**Beloved = primarily beloved by God, not Paul, Peter, John, or James**

**Phil. 4:1, “Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved.”**

**James 1:16, “Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.”**

**\* We need to transform our thinking, into understanding that God loves other believers because**

**1. the *imago dei***

**2. they are adopted into God's royal family**

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**παρακαλέω**  
*parakaleō*

**pres act indic 1  
sing “to urge,  
exhort, to  
challenge,  
comfort”**

**Rom. 12:1, “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.”**

**Eph. 4:1, “I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,”**

**Phil. 4:2, “I implore Euodia and I implore Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.”**

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**πάροικος**  
*paroikos* acc  
masc plur  
stranger, living  
or dwelling in  
a strange or  
different  
location

**παρεπίδημος** *parepidēmos*  
acc masc plur  
staying for a while in a  
strange place; noun, a  
stranger, resident alien,  
exile, sojourner, pilgrim

# Strangers

**Acts 7:6, “But God spoke in this way: that his descendants would dwell in a foreign land, and that they would bring them into bondage and oppress them four hundred years.”**

**Acts 7:29, “Then, at this saying, Moses fled and became a dweller in the land of Midian, where he had two sons.”**

**Eph. 2:19, “Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,”**

# Pilgrims

**Heb. 11:13, “These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.**

**1 Pet. 1:1, “Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,”**

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**ἀπέχω *apechō***

**pres mid infin in the middle voice. “to avoid contact with or use of something, keep away, abstain, refrain from”**

**Acts 15:20, “but that we write to them to abstain from things polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from things strangled, and from blood.”**

**Acts 15:29, “that you abstain from things offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.”**

**1 Thess. 4:3, “For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality;”**

**1 Thess. 5:22, “Abstain from every form [kind] of evil.”**

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**σαρκικός *sarkikos*  
gen fem plur  
material, worldly**

**ἐπιθυμία *epithumia*  
gen fem plur  
desire, lust**