

Hopeful Exiles

1 Peter



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4 With respect to this they are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery, and they malign you; 5 but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. 6 For this is why the gospel was preached even to those who are dead, that though judged in the flesh the way people are, they might live in the spirit the way God does.



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We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him.

1 John 5:18



And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7



**But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you
and guard you against the evil one.**

2 Thessalonians 3:3



**who by God's power are being guarded through
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1 Peter 1:5



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