

ALIEN LIFE - HOLY LIVING IN A HOSTILE WORLD

Hope and Holiness for Aliens

1 Peter 1:13-16

August 16, 2026

Encouraging Truth: Hope in Jesus for our future leads to holy living in the present.

- I. The _____
- A. Aliens are _____ by God.
 - B. Aliens are _____ by God to be born again as His _____.
 - C. Aliens are _____ to receive an _____ provided and protected by God.
 - D. Aliens are _____ of rejoicing when _____ by various trials.
 - E. Aliens are _____ of their faith - proven to be _____ during various trials.
 - F. Aliens are _____ their great salvation that prophets asked about, preachers preach, and angels long to look at.

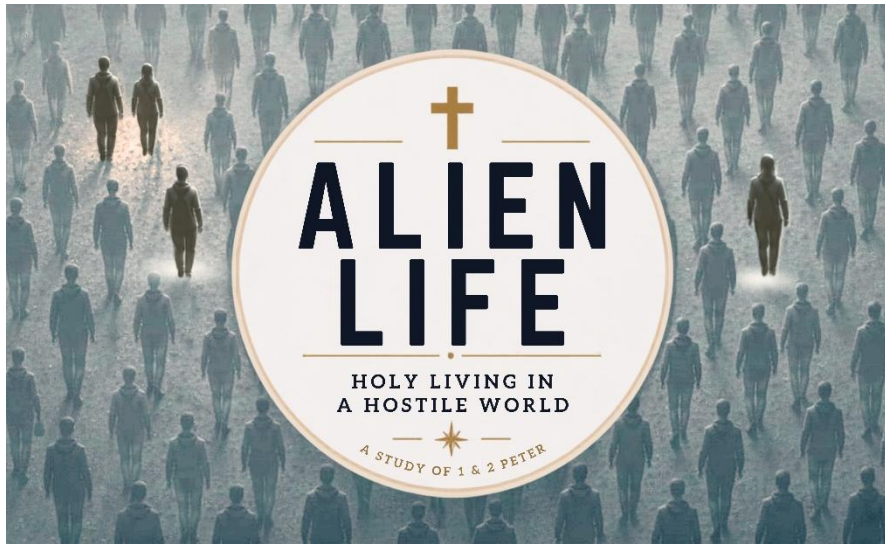
Takeaway: God has blessed us with a salvation that is _____ than we might _____.

- II. The _____
- A. Aliens prepare their minds for action - _____ the _____.
 - B. Aliens keep sober in spirit/mind - being _____ and _____.
 - C. Aliens fix their hope completely on the grace - to be received at the _____ of _____.

Takeaway: Such a great salvation compels us to think clearly and correctly with a focus on grace that allows our salvation to be _____ when Jesus _____.

- III. The _____
- A. An obedient child of holy God refuses to conform to _____.
 - B. An obedient child of holy God lives a holy life that looks like the One who _____.

Takeaway: _____ living a holy life and never _____.



WORSHIP GATHERING

"Your Grace Is Enough"

OBSERVANCE OF BELIEVER'S BAPTISM (10:30)

WELCOME & PRAYER

"Saved My Soul"

"Who You Say We Are"

PRAYER

MESSAGE

PRAYER AND COMMITMENT

CLOSING PRAYER

(9:00 - Phil Whitehead / 10:30 - Kevin Hodges)

Blessed to be a Blessing Capital Campaign 1st Quarterly Update

NUMBER OF FAMILIES PLEDGED	214
TOTAL PLEDGED (over 2 years)	\$1,574,680
GIVING SUMMARY	
Total Given Towards Pledge	\$366,184
Total Given Not Pledged	\$56,325
Surplus from 2025	\$1,200,000
Construction & Renovation Fund	\$300,000
Estate Fund	\$1,982,509
Total Available for Building Project	
EXPECTATION	
Total Pledged but not yet Given	\$1,208,496
Total Available Now	<u>\$1,982,509</u>
TOTAL EXPECTED AND AVAILABLE FOR BUILDING	\$3,191,005

Please consider giving to *Blessed to be a Blessing* if you are not currently doing so.

Everyone is encouraged to attend tonight's **Meal & Message** at 5:15 p.m. in the gym. The menu is smoked pork (grill team), sides, and homemade banana pudding (\$5 per meal / \$20 family max). Childcare will be provided during the message.

There is a **deacon's meeting** today at 4:15 p.m. in Room 125.

"No Excuse Sunday" is September 13. Will you commit to being in Sunday School and worship that day? If so, please let the staff know by scanning the QR code or calling the church office to share your commitment. Let's see what God might do with the extraordinary commitment of His people - for our good, the growth of His church, and His glory!



The **Wednesday evening church-wide fellowship meal** menu for next week is baked potato, baked chicken, salad, & dessert. Meals are served in Boatner Hall from 4:45-5:45 p.m. (\$6 for adults, \$4 for children, and \$25 family max). Sign up at the Welcome Center or with the QR code by Monday at 9:00 a.m. (only those who sign up are guaranteed a meal).



All ladies (7th grade & up) are encouraged to attend the **Women's Ministry 2026-2027 kickoff event** Sunday, August 23 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in Boatner Hall. Come hear about the exciting events the Women's Ministry has planned for the coming year, enjoy some delicious Fernando's (\$10 donation for dinner), and of course spend time in fellowship with friends! Scan the code or sign up at the Welcome Center by August 19.



All ladies are invited to a **come & go bridal kitchen shower** honoring Mollie Jones (daughter of Joel and Dr. Harriet Jones) Saturday, August 29 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at the home of Sandra Sherrill (201 Coxwell Cove, Brandon, MS 39042).

Everyone is encouraged to attend **Bibliology Basics: Hearing God's Word** (doctrinal study) Sunday, August 30 from 4:15-6:30 p.m. in Boatner Hall. The Bible in your hands is an endless wealth of wisdom. In this study we'll learn effective principles for reading Scripture faithfully, discovering the author's intended meaning, and applying God's truth to our lives. Together we'll explore context, genre, historical background, and the unity of Scripture so that we can handle God's Word with greater confidence and joy. For all ages. Childcare will be provided for birth-K5.

CONTRIBUTION REPORT 8/9/26

Weekly Budget Receipts	\$41,390
Weekly Budget Required	\$35,629
Giving over (under) budget	\$5,761
"Blessed" (Campus Expansion)	\$9,258
Global Impact	\$0
Other	\$429
Total Received	\$51,077
YTD Budget Needed	\$1,140,114
YTD Budget Received	\$1,084,422

REJOICING OVER DECISIONS MADE

This Week



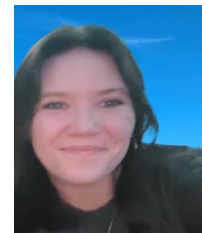
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