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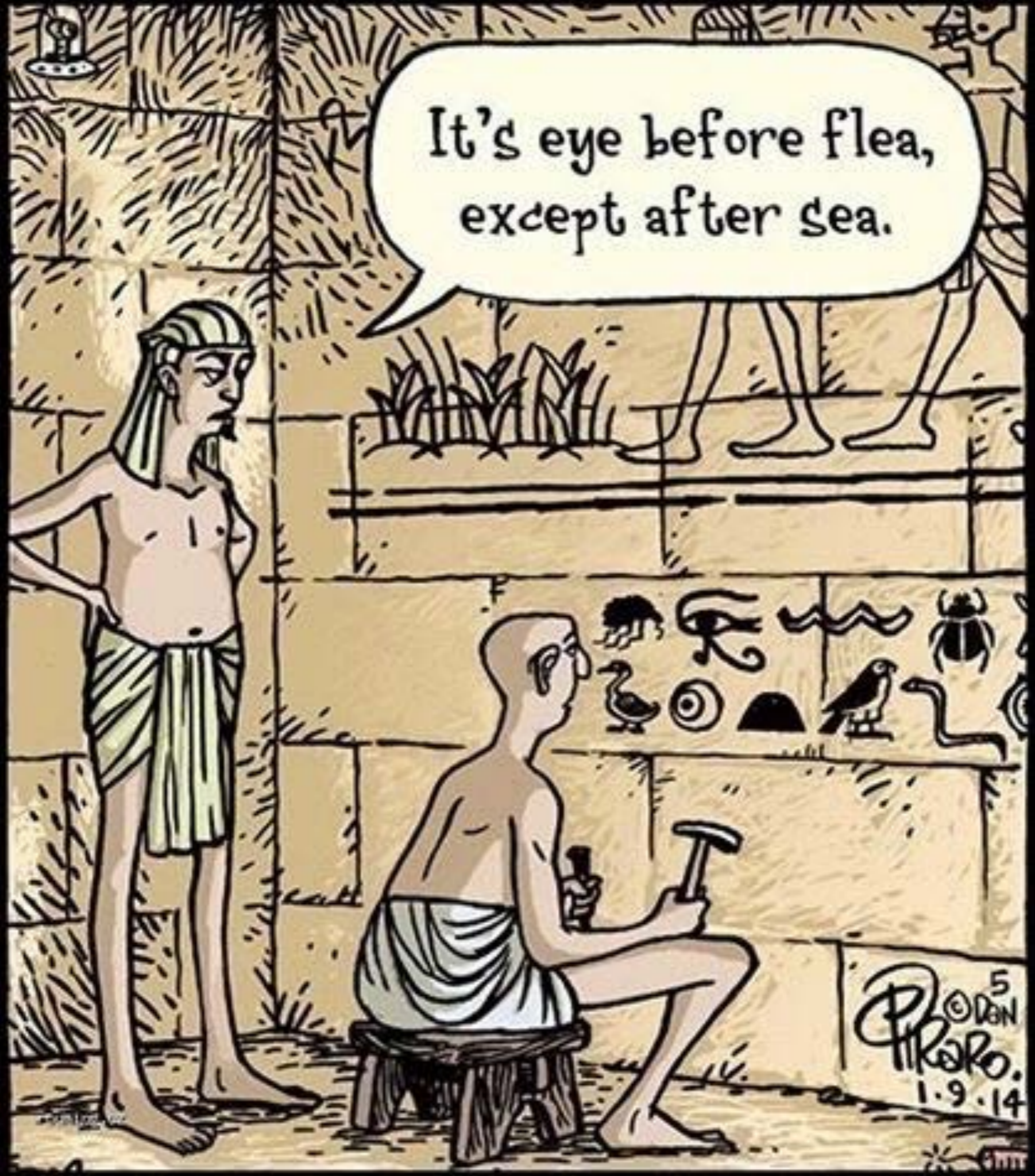
1 Peter 4:3–6



1ST PETER

LIVING IN LIGHT
OF ETERNITY

It's eye before flea,
except after sea.



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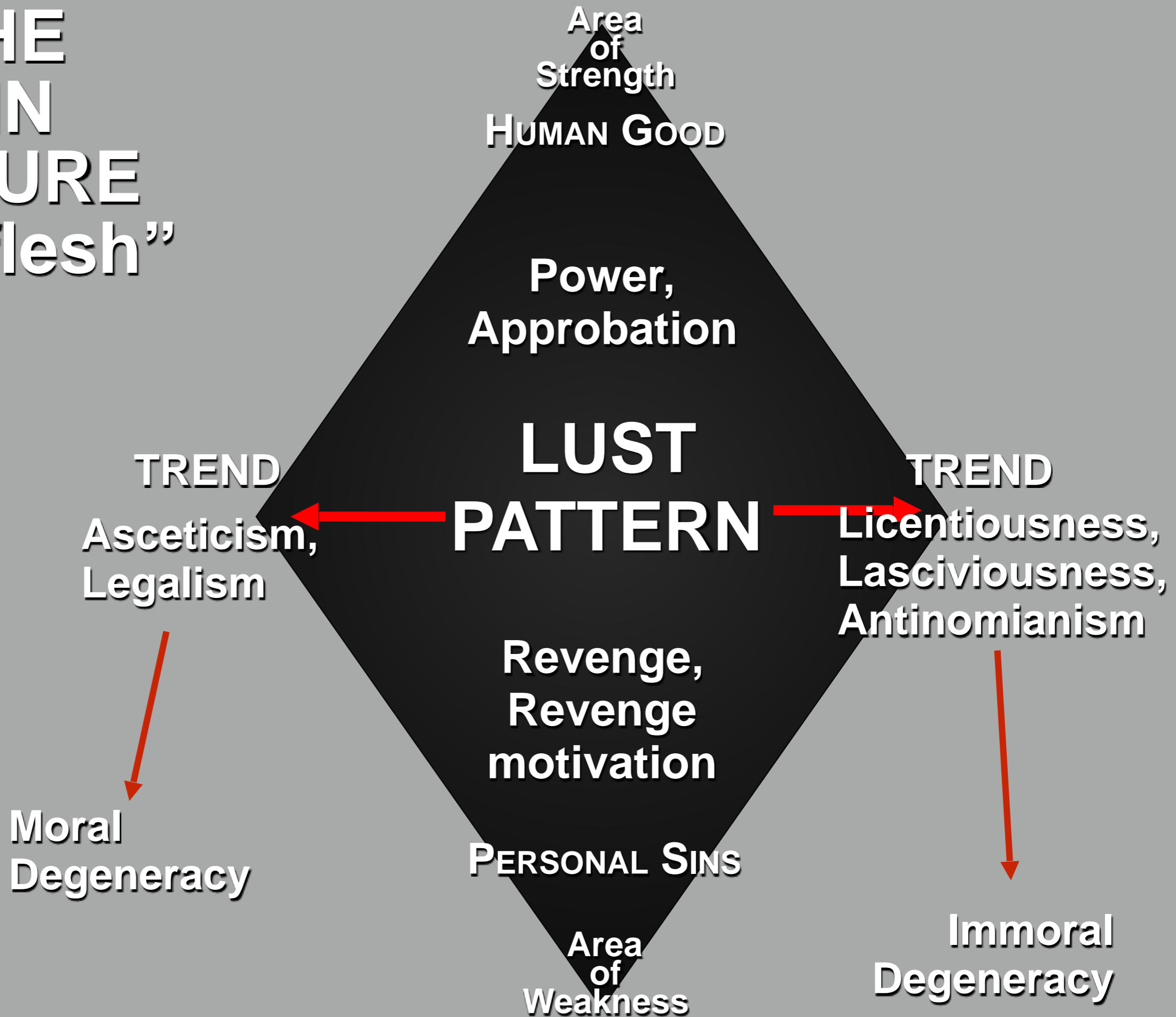
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THE SIN NATURE “the flesh”



1 Pet. 1:13, “Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

1 Pet. 1:14, “as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance;

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

1 Pet. 1:16, “because it is written, ‘*Be holy, for I am holy.*’ ”

Rom. 12:2, “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” [NKJV]

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ἔθνος *ethnos* nation, people, Gentile

Who are the Gentiles?

**Is this a synonym for unbelievers?
Or is this just a term for Gentiles in
contrast to Jews?**

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“Again, the use of the term Gentiles demonstrates that Peter is writing to Jewish believers who are living among a Gentile majority. Here again, Covenant Theology likes to change the meaning of the term:

He then explains what he means by doing what the Gentiles like to do. (Since Peter has frequently viewed Christians as the new people of God, the true Israel, earlier in this letter [see the summary at 2:10] it is quite natural for him to carry through this terminology by using the term “Gentiles” to refer not to people who are not Jews, but to people who are not Christians.)

However, there are no exegetical grounds to claim that when Peter writes the word Gentiles, he means “unbelievers.” In the past, these Jewish believers have been tempted to also follow the Gentiles in fulfilling the lusts of the flesh. Peter lists six manifestations of the desire of the Gentiles.”

~A. F., *The Jewish Epistles*

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