

Sermon Notes



Title: "Christians Live as Strangers in a Strange Land"

Text: 1 Peter 1:1-2

Theme: When we live as strangers it means that we think, act, and treat ourselves as first and foremost those who belong to the LORD God. When the LORD summons us to Himself, we drop everything and come.

I. God's Exiles Are _____ (1b)

II. God's Exiles Are Strangers by _____ (1b-2a)

III. God's Exiles Receive Abundant _____ and
_____ (2b)

IV. Applications

A. It is an _____ that in
Christ you are a _____ in the world.

B. As exiles we are supposed to _____ and
_____ as foreigners to the ways of the world.

C. Living as a stranger and an alien of the LORD
_____ from our _____ in
Christ.

D. Living as strangers in a strange land means
_____ first and foremost with our
_____.

Next Week Read: 1 Peter 1:1-12

Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:

1. What is an exile?
2. What is a stranger?
3. What determines a stranger's status?
4. What made those whom Peter addressed to be exiles and strangers (v. 1b-2a)?
5. How does Scripture speak of the objects of God's foreknowledge (see Romans 8:29; 11:2)?
6. When a person truly "knows" God, what does this indicate about God (see 1 Corinthians 8:3; Galatians 4:9)?
7. What is sanctification? When does it begin?
8. For what has God set apart His elect exiles (v. 2b)?
9. What would you conclude about a person who called himself a Christian yet consistently disobeyed Christ (see Luke 6:46; John 14:23)?
10. For what does Peter pray in his greeting (v. 2b)?
11. What does it mean that a Christian is a stranger in this world? If the Christian does not feel like a stranger does that mean he is not one? Why or why not?
12. In what ways do people who are not followers of Christ Jesus consider Christians to be strange and different?
13. In what ways do you think and act differently from those who do not confess Christ as Lord?
14. As Christians are we expected to do everything opposite the way people in the world live? Explain.
15. How does a Christian demonstrate love and loyalty to his real home?
16. What are some times or occasions when Christ calls His people to come apart from what they have been doing in order to hear Him and commune with Him?
17. Describe the first time you spent a significant amount of time away from home. Did you miss being home? If so, did you cut your stay short? Did you call home often? Did you take pictures or belongings to remind you of home? If you did not miss being home, why do think that was so? If you have not yet spent a significant amount of time away from home, describe how you think you might feel.
18. What are some comforts about your life right now that you think you absolutely could not live without?
19. How do you know when you are too "at home" in this world?
20. In what ways would you say you are living as a stranger in this world?