

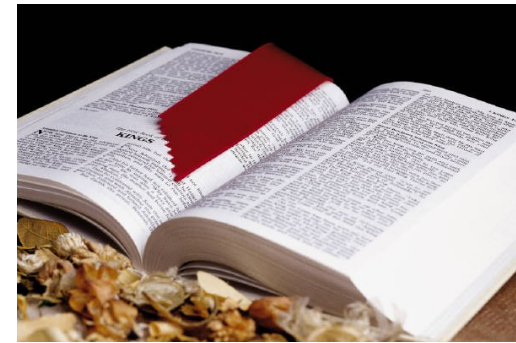
Living Insight

Do you feel as though you do not fit into this world? If you are in Christ, then you really do not fit into this world. Peter called Christians ***“aliens and strangers”*** in this world. We are called to live strange lives as we hold out the word of truth. People who know us and examine our lives will see that we are different from many of their friends. The huge difference in our lives is that we have been crucified with Christ and we no longer live for ourselves. The Lord invites us to live a life that is truly worth living.

~ As Always, Grace & Peace,

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Prayer Requests



CHURCH OF CHRIST Sixteenth & Decatur

Sermon Outline

Aliens and Strangers

1 Peter 2:11-12

Date: Sunday, July 06, 2014

Time: 11:00 A.M.

Aliens & Strangers



- I. **Introduction: How many of us have ever felt like strangers?**
- A. There was a time when I felt like a stranger.
1. I was in Bangladesh in 2011 on a mission trip.
 2. I was the tallest person in a fairly large crowd.
 3. We were visiting the gravesite of Sheikh Rahman.
- B. Peter called Christians *“aliens & strangers”* here.
1. We now live in a Christ-centered world.
 2. This world is really not our home.
 3. We are aliens here because this is not our home.
- C. We see this world from a totally different perspective.
1. We see a world that needs Jesus. We are chosen. (2:9)
 2. We see a world in need of prayer. We are priests.
 3. We see a world lost in sin. We are His holy nation.
- II. **Body: Our Strange Life on Planet Earth**
- A. Others live for the lusts of the flesh, but not us.
1. We are able to see the dangers of sin.
 2. Sexual immorality wars against our souls.
~ *1 Corinthians 6:18-20*
 3. The Lord also included slander & greed as sins of the flesh.
- B. We value goodness and righteousness.
1. Some religions seek to escape from the world.
 2. Christians are called to be the *“salt”* of the earth.
 3. Our changed lives are part of our testimony.
- C. The challenge is to live with judgment in view.
1. Too many people focus their lives on today.
 2. We see that which is invisible. (2 *Corinthians 4:18*)
 3. Most people only see the tip of the iceberg.

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III. Conclusion: Is Your Life Truly Worth Living?

- A. Live a life that can bring your critics to silence.
1. Stephen lived a powerful life before others.
 2. Is your life Christ-centered and powerful?
- B. Live a life that brings glory to God.
1. Our Heavenly Father is surrounded by glory.
 2. Do other people glorify God because of you?
- C. Live your life so that you will end it in heaven.
1. God will visit us on the day of judgment.
 2. Are you prepared for that day?
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Special Update

Be sure to join us for our

Ministry to two Local Nursing Centers

- ◇ Carroll Manor Nursing Center at 2:00 p.m.
- ◇ Unique Residential Care Center at 3:00 p.m.



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