

Strangers, Not Spectators

(Part 1)



We are Citizens of Another _____

(Philippians 3:20) But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ,

We are _____ Nationals

(1 Peter 2:11a NIV) Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles...

We are _____ Here

(1 Peter 2:11a NIV84) Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world...

Our Citizenship Is in _____

(Philippians 3:20) But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ,

Strangers Don't _____ In

(Hebrews 11:8–10) By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. {9} By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. {10} For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

(1 Peter 1:1) Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to God's elect, strangers in the world, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia,

The _____ Ones of the Faith

(Hebrews 11:13–16) All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth. {14} People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. {15} If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. {16} Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

The _____ and the _____ of Being a Stranger

(Philippians 1:21) For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

The _____ of Becoming Spectators

The _____ of Withdrawal

Our Calling Is _____, Not _____

(John 17:14–18) I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. {15} My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. {16} They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. {17} Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. {18} As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.

The Danger of _____ In

(1 Peter 2:11) Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul.

The Danger of getting _____ Too Early

(Hebrews 11:15) If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return.

God's Call to Faithful _____

(Jeremiah 29:7) Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”

We are called to be _____ and _____

(Matthew 5:13–14) “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. {14} “You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.

We are _____ in the Harvest

(Matthew 9:37) Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.

We are _____ in the Darkness

(Matthew 5:14) “You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.

We are _____

(2 Corinthians 5:20) We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.