



LIVING AS ALIENS & STRANGERS

APRIL 7, 2024 | 1 PETER 2:9-12

The same gospel that makes us _____
of Heaven also makes us _____ on earth.

AS WE ENCOUNTER OPPOSITION AND SEE OUR INFLUENCE DWINDLE

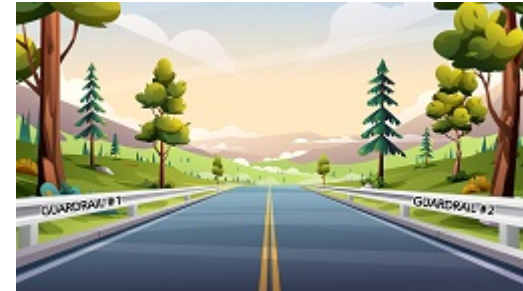
– WRONG WAYS TO RESPOND –

- » We _____, doing whatever it takes to reclaim our former _____ or power, even resorting to using the _____ of the world.
- » We _____ into our holy huddles, circling the wagons to _____ contact with the world.
- » We _____ to the world, wrongly thinking that if the church wants to survive, we must become _____ the world.

THREE LANDMARKS TO GUIDE US

- ① We have a peculiar _____ — the redeemed people of a holy God.

- ② We have an exclusive _____ — proclaiming the excellencies of the God who saves us.



Guardrail #1: Sin really is _____.

Guardrail #2: Grace really is _____.

- ③ Our lives should display honorable _____:
› unpolluted _____. › sincere _____.

FOR FURTHER STUDY:

1. Read Psalm 43:1-5. What words do people use to describe God's house? How important is it to be involved in a local church?
2. Read 1 Peter 1:1-5. Note everything you observe in verses 1-2 that describes the Christian's identity. How does the introduction to Peter's letter help you appreciate the three persons of God (v. 2)?
3. Summarize in your own words what you think "new birth into a living hope" means (v. 3). Peter uses three words in verse 4 to contrast our inheritance with all other goals, desires, or treasures. Think about what you desire or treasure. Which of those things will "perish, spoil, or fade"?
4. Read 1 Peter 2:9-12. This passage repeats a familiar theme in Peter's letter—that Christians are aliens and strangers in the world. How might living up to the description of verse 9 cause a Christian to be alienated from the world?
5. Why might a person not feel important to God? What privileges does a member of God's family have that an unbeliever does not have? What would help a Christian appreciate his/her identity in Christ more?
6. From what did Peter urge his readers to abstain (v. 11)? Why? Why is it important for believers to live good lives (v. 12)?