

“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.”

- Hebrews 11:13




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“If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world.”



AM I AN ALIEN AND STRANGER HERE?

1 Peter 2:9-12



As Peter addresses God's elect (1:1), his reminder of who they are and Whose they are is clear, including the reminder that those who are in Christ are, in fact, "aliens and strangers" in the world.

He includes the warning that our fleshly desires will hamstring us and then addresses our manner of living.

That's key to what being an alien and stranger is

BUT WHAT ABOUT EPH. 2:19 ?

Paul addresses the Church, reminding them that “you are no longer foreigners and aliens...”

From God (vs. 12)

See Eph 2:12-20

REHEARSING THE REALITY

When we came to saving faith in Jesus Christ we were
“born again” or “born from above.” (John 3:3-7)

Consequently, we are not of this world (John 17:8,16)
If we were still “of this world,” we would die in our sins
(John 8:23-24)

Our citizenship is in heaven (Phil. 3:20)

WHAT MIGHT BEING AN ALIEN OR STRANGER LOOK LIKE?

Loving as Christ loves

John 13:34-35; Matt. 5:43-45

Matt. 25:31-46; 1 Cor 13:4-8

Rom. 12:9-21; 1 John 3:16-17

Crucifying pride and slaying self-absorption

Rom. 12:1-2; Phil. 2:1-4



Refusing to obsess over treasures here on earth

Matt. 6:19-21

Fixing our hearts and minds on things above

Col. 3:1-4