

What Is It Like To Be An Alien?

Who Is Peter?

- Peter, an Apostle of Jesus
- He was a fisherman. He was married, He travelled. He left everything.
- He's the one who got out of the boat and walked ... for bit
- He's the one who recognized Jesus as "The Christ"
- He was asked to go to the Mt of Transfiguration and into the garden where Jesus wept
- More than once he was up to knees in a miraculous haul of fish

Who Is Peter?

- He's the one who promised never to forsake Jesus, then did, 3 times.
- And 3 times was asked, do you love me?
- He's the one who 50 days later, full of the Holy Spirit stood up and fearlessly preached on Pentecost and 3000 repent.
- Right after James loses his head, Peter goes to jail and an Angel escorts him out.
- He heals the lame man at the gate and raises Tabitha from the dead
- He travels around encouraging mostly the Jewish saints
- He travels to Rome where he dies a martyr

Who Is Peter Writing to?

- The areas listed in 1:1 are predominantly modern day Turkey
- He is writing to the "Dispersed Elect Exiles".
- People who have left their homeland because of war, famine, persecution or seeking economic gain are often called exiles.
- Right now, our Food Bank is being overwhelmed by exiles.
- These people sometimes come with no job, no home and no or limited finances.
- Is Paul referring to these people as exiles because they are not in Israel or because they are not home in heaven with God?

Longing For Home in Heaven

- 1Pet.2:10- a quote from Hosea 2:23
- Paul uses same verse in Rom.9:25 to argue Gentiles that have in a sense become Jews. Once not a people now made a people of Himself. They have become the true Israel
- 1Pet.4:3- These people (gentiles) had lived in debauchery. Now their friends malign them because they do not join them. They didn't fit in anymore. They were exiled.
- Phil.3:20 – Our citizen ship is in heaven. We live here as aliens and exiles.

How Did We Become Aliens?

- You were chosen by God – 1Pet.2:9-11
- You were chosen by God to be Aliens
- How? 1Pet.1:3 - By God causing you to be born again.
- Before eternity, God chose you, and something happened inside of you by the work of God.
- Your heart of stone was removed and a heart of flesh put in, The old man crucified, the new man created.
- The mark of being a Christian is that you feel you don't fit in with the parties the drinking, the business, maybe family because you have been Born Again.

What Difference Does It Make To Be An Alien?

- If you are a Christian, you have ...
 - A New Constitution, A New King and New Cravings
 - Paul is writing as an Apostle, chosen by Jesus with His authority
1. We have a New constitution. It is the New Testament or new covenant and OT as far as the NT endorses the Old
- We have seen how our Country's founders saw the importance of the Constitution given by Jesus and wanted Canada to be a nation under the Dominion of The Father and so our charter reflects some of those values.

The Difference Between Earthly and Heavenly Charters

- Over the past couple years we have seen that our Charter means little and politicians choose to do as they wish, because it is manmade. It is fallible. God will accomplish what He has said He will do. Lets see the difference
- A. Jesus' desire is that we would be one with one another and one with Him. John 17:23 Politicians want to divide
 - B. Jesus came into the world to destroy the works of the devil and to bring justice and righteousness on the earth. Now devils philosophy taught in schools
 - C. Jesus gives peace that no law can bring - John 14:27 My peace I leave with you... Not as the world gives do I give to you...

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- D. We wrestle not against flesh and blood. Our political system does not recognize the spiritual conflict
 - E. God is sovereign. He makes all things work together for good, to those who love God
 - F. Walking in Our Father's truth sets us free. "The Truth will set you free!" Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom!!
- 2 Charters one man made, the other God made. How is man's philosophy working?

We Have A New King!

2. WE have a New King.
 - John 18:33-38 – Are you the Kings of the Jews?
 - 36- My Kingdom is not of this world- meaning....?
 - 37- So you are a king...
 - Born a king for what purpose?
 - To bear witness to what truth?
 - 38 - Pilate – "What is truth?" The question of the ages.
 - 18:39 – Pilate calls him King
 - God owns you and stuff. Give to God the things that are God's

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2. WE have a New King.
 - How do we live that out? 1 Pet.2:13-17
 - For who's sake are we to live that way? 13
 - Why are we to live that way? 15
 - Be people of love and Honour
 - We submit to authorities until they ask us to disobey the King of Kings – Acts.5:28-29

We Have New Cravings!

3. We have new cravings – 1Pet.2:11 "Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul."
 - We abstain from certain passions of the flesh because they kill you!
 - God's way of living brings freedom and life and joy and peace.
 - The passions for money, popularity, comfort, alcohol, sex, pornography. Pursuit of any of these over God will lead to futility and self destruction.
 - The love of money is the root and route to all sorts of evil.

Live To Love Your King!

• How do we live to the Glory of God in a world that is running hard against him?

1. Read your constitution – your Bible!
2. Learn to Love your King!
3. Indulge yourself in the new desires God gives you.

• What is your greatest enemy to the things of God?

4. Walk in the tension of being in the world but not of the world
5. 1 Peter:2:9 – Live the values of the King in the streets