PETER HOLY AND HOPE-FILLED LIVING IN A HOSTILE WORLD

I PETER 2:11-12

Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul.

Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.

I PETER

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- Our relationship to the world, in general, 2:11-12.
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- Our relationships in marriage, 3:1-7.
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The Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary says... "alien"

- *1a*: belonging or relating to another person, place, or thing : <u>strange</u> an alien environment
- *1b*: relating, **belonging**, **or owing allegiance to** another country or government
 - 2: **differing in nature or character,** typically to the point of incompatibility

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Holy and Hope-Filled Alien Living

- The People Who Are To Live as Aliens: "Beloved."
- The Call To Live as Aliens: "I urge you."
- Descriptive Titles Of Aliens:
 - "Alien"
 - "Stranger"



NO LONGER ALIENS AND STRANGERS!!! WE HAVE A NEW "HOME" and IDENTITY!!! WHAT A TRANSFORMATION!!!

NOW ALIENS AND STRANGERS!!



Some Principles of "Alien Living" <u>as Seen In The</u> <u>Lives of Others Who Have Lived as Aliens</u>:

- "Aliens" live their lives deliberately. [Peter's Readers: I Peter 1:17]
- "Aliens" are frequently misunderstood. [Jesus: John 4:31-34]
- "Aliens" are often mistreated and abused. [The Jews: Acts 7:6]

Some Principles of "Alien Living" <u>as Seen In The</u> <u>Lives of Others Who Have Lived as Aliens</u>:

- "Aliens" are constantly longing for their true "home." [The Philippians: Phil. 3:20-21]
- "Aliens' are not completely satisfied where they are. [Abraham: Hebrews 11:8-10]
- "Aliens" have eternal goals. [Moses: Hebrews 11:24-26]

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