

May 29, 2016 / I Peter 2: 4-12

“Foreigners and Exiles”

Story of a refugee . . .

Foreigners and Exiles

- Sojourner, pilgrim, stranger, temporary resident, resident alien
- Citizenship is in heaven:

Philippians 3:10a: “. . . our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there.

John 17: 14&15: “I have given them your word and the world has hated them for they are not of this world any more than I am of this world. My prayer is not that you take them out of this world but that you protect them from the evil one.”

- Jesus Christ was a resident alien
- Changes in values, beliefs and behaviours:
I Peter: 4: 3 – 4
- Avoid sinful desires: I Peter 1:2
- Our identity in Christ: I Peter 2: 4,9

I Peter 2:9: “But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”

- Live Good Lives – vs 12.
 - I Peter 4: 7 – 11

Paul's letter for today

- We live in a Post-Christian society
 - Media
 - Trend of busyness

- Kingdom Values changes behaviour
 - How we socialize
 - Love our enemies
 - Issues of justice
 - Homelessness

Not a Bad News Story

- I Peter full of comfort
- Jesus Christ is our example

It is only through the power of the Holy Spirit that we can lead surrendered lives as foreigners and exiles.