



1 Peter 4:4

Introduction: “Hello, Stranger.” Let’s think this morning about what really makes us _____!

I. We Are Strange Because of How We View Our _____ on _____

A. “*These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were _____ and pilgrims on the earth*” (Hebrews 11:13, NKJV).

B. The book of 1 Peter 1:1 begins by saying, “*Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the _____ scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia...*” (KJV).

C. In this life, we know we’re just _____ (James 4:13-15). Our bodies are called “tents” (2 Peter 1:12-15). Our stay here is temporary.

II. We Are Strange Because We Live By A Different _____

A. We are also strange because we do not subscribe to the laws of those around us, but to the laws of our homeland (Philippians 3:20).

B. This perspective implies fearing _____ more than _____ (Matthew 10:28; 1 Peter 1:17).

C. “*Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles...*” (1 Peter 2:11; cp. 1 Peter 4:3-4, NKJV; Romans 12:1-2).

III. We Are Strange Because of Our Ultimate _____

A. Our ultimate goal is _____ (Hebrews 11:13-16; Philippians 1:23-24).

B. Colossians 3:1-4 is a good start. “If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are _____.”

Conclusion: Are you willing to be considered “_____” for the sake of gaining Jesus Christ?