

“To Those Who are Aliens...”

Text: I Peter 1:1-2

Scripture reading: John 21:1-17

I. The circumstances of the letter (Heb. 11:13, 16; I Pet. 4:19)

II. The author of the letter (I Pet. 5:12, 13; I Cor. 9:5)

III. The recipients of the letter (Gal. 2:7-8; Jn. 17:14-16)

The gospel that makes us aliens:

1. God the Father – (Rom. 8:29-30; Jn. 1:12-13)

2. God the Spirit – (Phil. 1:6, 2:12-13)

3. God the Son – (Jn. 14:15)

Conclusion:

- 1) How have I responded to oppression and suffering?
- 2) What will living as an “alien” mean for believers?
- 3) What does the 3-fold identity of believers in vv. 1-2 teach us?
- 4) What does it mean to suffer according to the will of God?
- 5) What is the right that I must do to entrust my soul to God?

“To suffer as a Christian is to suffer for Christ: for the name of Christ, for the truths of Christ, for the ways of Christ, for the worship of Christ.” -John Owen; English Puritan; 1616-1683