

## Summer In The Red Aliens

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Matthew 6:33

Beloved, remember *you don't belong in this world*. You are resident aliens living in exile, so resist those desires of the flesh that battle against the soul.

1 Peter 2:11

Message- This world is not your home- so don't become cozy in it.

Seeking His Kingdom first means knowing to which Kingdom I belong.

ALIEN = a foreign-born resident who is not a citizen by virtue of parentage and is still a citizen of and subject to another country.

What does it mean to be an alien in this world:

### 1. I'm a subject of Heaven.

I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

John 17:15-16

- the laws and customs of this world don't rule us
- we are governed by a heavenly kingdom
- our constitution is the Bible
- we are in the world- we have to live holy in this world, but live BY the kingdom of Heaven (Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego)
- being in the world but not of it- means I don't invest into this world's system- that's like going on vacation in Sweden and thinking I'm a citizen of Sweden, building my life around their customs and laws- it's absurd
- we are not from and will not remain in this Kingdom
- live life with a Heavenly perspective

### 2. I'm a priest to God.

But you are God's chosen treasure- priests who are kings, a special "nation" set apart as God's devoted ones. He called you out of darkness to experience His marvelous light, and now He claims you as His very own. He did this so that you would broadcast His glorious wonders throughout the world.

1 Peter 2:9

He has anointed me as a priest. How are priests anointed?

This is the ceremony for dedicating them as priests... anoint him by pouring the anointing oil over his head.

Exodus 29:1 & 7

The Holy Spirit = the New Testament anointing oil

Object lesson: water/oil/sugar

Reference Matthew 6:33-

Water (myself without the anointing of my true citizenship)

- If I spend my life trying to gain all "these things" it's like sugar dissolving in water.
- I wasn't designed to build my life on, in and around the things.
- The problem is that there is never enough of the things to make a difference in my life
- They become part of me- I get cozy with this world and it's an endless cycle

Oil (Holy Spirit anointing me as a priest)

- focusing on the oil means not caring about the things
- when the things are added, the anointing is what keeps the things of the world from becoming part of me
- the anointing of the Holy Spirit is what reminds me of my true Kingdom citizenship
- He keeps me in this world, but not the world in me

Closing:

If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world.

C.S. Lewis

You were created with discontent in mind- we should never find ourselves content in this world.

We are citizens of Heaven. Our passport is the blood of Jesus and the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

\*Emma traveling- where's the embassy? If you get in trouble, grab that passport and run to the embassy.

RESPONSE:

-Become a citizen of Heaven

-Are you in trouble? Have you recognized areas in your life where you've sought first this world's Kingdom? Have you made yourself subject to this world's systems and laws? Have you laid down your priestly anointing? Let's pickup our passports and run to the embassy of our citizenship- the throne room of Heaven.