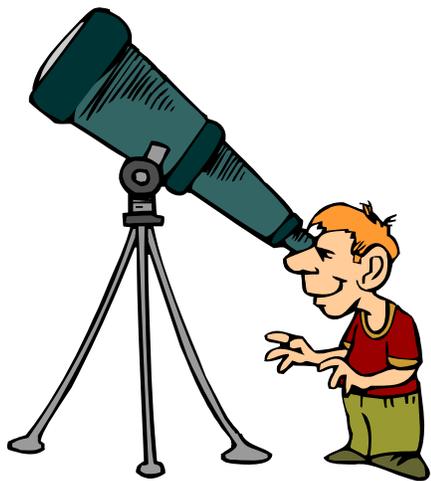


## **Aliens Don't Belong Here**



Key Verse:

*John 15:19 "If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you."*

INTRODUCTION:

The Bible says that we, the Christians, are a "peculiar" people.

*Titus 2:14 " Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."*

*1 Peter 2:9 " But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people, that ye should show forth the praises of him, who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."*

This does not mean that we are to deliberately act up or do dumb things so that we can be called peculiar. The Bible also says that we are to be "sanctified", which means to be set apart. It means we are unique and identified with Christ.

*John 17:19 " And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth."*

That is the type of peculiar that Jesus is talking about.

To put this another way, we are the aliens to this world. When we were first born, we were a part of this world, but at the point of salvation, something changes. We are changed into an alien.

*11 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."*

- It's a Great Change:

*1 Peter 2:9 " But ye are chosen a generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people, that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."*

We are no longer in darkness. Have you ever been at school and a group of kids seem to know something that you don't know and they won't tell you and let you in on it. You feel left out: you feel shunned: you feel like you are missing out on something. Well, if you are not saved, you are being left out [ heaven is not your home], you are being shunned [ God cannot look on sin]. However, as a saved person, you are not left out; God is already transforming you into what you will need to be in order to fit perfectly into Heaven.

- It has some responsibilities:

*1 Peter 2:11 “ Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul...”*

At your age you are looking forward to being treated more like a grown-up so you may have more freedom. With these freedoms come responsibilities. When you asked Jesus into your heart and prayed the sinner’s prayer, you got total freedom from the consequences of sin, but you picked up some responsibilities. God now wants you to act like a Christian, Christ-like.

*Luke 12:34 “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”*

- The rewards are out of this world:

*Hebrews 11:13 “ These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.*

*II Corinthians 5:1 “ For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens”*

*John 14: 1-3*

*Revelation 22:1 “ And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal..”*

*Ephesians 2:19 “ Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God.”*

The Bible better describes what we have coming as Christians than I ever could.

If we are aliens to this world, then the unsaved are aliens to heaven.

*Ephesians 2:12 “That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in this world.”*

I cannot imagine anyone who would rather fit into this world and be an alien to Heaven alienated from God, than to be an alien to this world and a friend of God.