

ALIENS *and* STRANGERS

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“Submit & Resist”

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Aliens and strangers are **different** from the **world** around them.

For the follower of Christ, this difference **shines light** on Him.

1 Peter 2:11-12

Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

We have highlighted: **hope**, **holiness**, **suffering**, and our **mentality**.

Chapter 5 highlights two other notable differences that shine the light in this world – **submission** and **resistance**.

1. Submit your **anxiety to God**. (1 Peter 5:6-7)
2. Resist the **evil one**. (1 Peter 5:8-9)

With our lives in the hands of **Jesus**, He will make us **strong**. (1 Peter 5:10-11)

1 Peter 5:6-11

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

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