Sermon Notes

You Are Chosen Aliens

1Peter 1:1-2 Christian Sanich, 8/20/2017

Text sermon questions, during the sermon, to (602) 824-8030

1 Peter - author, recipients, occasion of writing

1:1 From Peter, an apostle, to the chosen, the aliens

We have been chosen out of the world, to be the people of God.

We belong to God, and are part of His kingdom. So we are "aliens" to this world, just staying here temporarily.

1:2a The tri-une God has chosen us according to, in, for

Chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father

Chosen in the sanctifying of the Spirit (ref.: Eph. 1:13)

Set apart to God.

Chosen and sanctified for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ. (ref.: Exodus 24:3-8)

Our response to God should be to agree to be obedient.

By us being in Christ, and being sprinkled by His blood, we are useful for God's purposes.

Suggested exercise: Put red marks on the back of your hand, to signify the blood of Jesus Christ that you have been metaphysically sprinkled with. Every time you look at it this week, remind yourself that you are set apart for God's purposes, and tell God that you want to obey Him.

1:2b May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.

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Application questions for 8/20/17 sermon 1 Peter 1:1-2

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(Try to have everyone answer this question.)

What is something that in the last couple months you have said you wanted to work on, and how are you doing with that?

How does it make you feel to know that God has chosen you to be one of His people? Try not to just say something like, "Good." Relate it to what you might feel about yourself in relationship to this world or in relationship to people, if you were not God's.

What meaning does it have to you that you are an alien in this world, living among people (non-Christians) that you are not really part of anymore as a Christian?

Do you think it is reasonable, in light of what God has done for us, for Him to ask us to obey Him?

Why would you want to be obedient to God?

We didn't learn the specific ways yet in 1 Peter. But just thinking about it, what are some ways you can imagine God might use your obedience for His purposes in this world, specifically maybe, in relationships with others?

(Make sure to make it to this question, and try to have everyone answer.)

Exodus 24:7-8 offers background to 1 Peter 1:2. In Exodus 24, the Israelites respond to the relationship deal (a.k.a. the covenant) that God was offering to them. The Israelites said, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient."

What do you want to say or commit to the Lord in response to all you've heard?

Do you have a question for the group? It might be something you don't understand that others could help with, or something you think should be covered that hasn't.