

“A Pilgrim’s Progress (A Pilgrim Citizen)”

Sunday, April 3, 2022, 10:30 a.m.

Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

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1 Peter 1:1, 2; 2:11-12

BIG IDEA: As Pilgrim Citizens we are currently resident aliens in this world.

“Dear friends, I urge you as strangers and exiles...

Conduct yourselves honorably.”

1 Peter 2:11a, 12a (CSB)



Pilgrim Citizens are CHOSEN by GOD.

- Chosen BY God, the Father’s PLAN.
- Chosen THROUGH God, the Holy Spirit’s PROVISION.
- Chosen FOR God, the Son, Jesus Christ’s PURPOSE.



Pilgrim Citizens are EXILES in this WORLD.

- Exiles AVOID the ENEMIES of their SOUL.
- Exiles PURSUE what’s GOOD for THEMSELVES and OTHERS.

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READ: 1 Peter 1:1-2; 2:11-12

THINK: Think about being a Pilgrim Citizen, then ask yourself these questions: *How many times did your family move when you were growing up? Which time was the hardest? Why does Peter use the term “chosen exiles”? According to v2, what is God*

the Father’s role in initiating the Christian’s salvation? What role does the Holy Spirit play? And what role does Jesus Christ play? How does this inform our status as “resident aliens” in this world? Does v11 encourage you and relieve your anxiety about temptation, or does it make you feel defeated? What struggle or war within yourself are you facing that only Christ can help you overcome? What good do you need to pursue to guard your reputation as a Christian and motivate those outside the faith to eventually give glory to God?

DO: Identify specific ways you need to not make yourself at home in this world and recognize your actual citizenship as a Christian. Explain which metaphor in this sermon series, “PICTURE PERFECT”, has had the most impact on you and why.