

Introduction

How do we live as Christians in a non-Christian society? Who are we? And why are we here?

Body

Who are we?

1. We are elect exiles of the Dispersion. We are the people of God chosen by God to be strangers in our own land. ([1 Peter 1:1](#))

Why are we here?

2. We are here *for* sanctification. God chose us *so that* we could live for Jesus. ([1 Peter 1:2](#))

Ephesians 1:13 NET ¹³ And when you heard the word of truth (the gospel of your salvation)—when you believed in Christ—you were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit,

3. We are here *because* God, in his wisdom, chose *us*. God, with perfect knowledge, picked *you* for his team. ([1 Peter 1:2](#))

1 Corinthians 1:26–29 NLT ²⁶ Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world's eyes or powerful or wealthy when God called you. ²⁷ Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. ²⁸ God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important. ²⁹ As a result, no one can ever boast in the presence of God.

Conclusion: [Matt 28:18-20](#)