



# “As Sojourners and Pilgrims”

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<sup>11</sup> Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, <sup>12</sup> having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

# Influencing the World as an Outsider

- Develop the outlook of an outsider to this world
  - *Phil. 3:17-21* Some “mind earthly things”
  - *Col. 3:1-4* Must “set your mind on things above”
  - *Rom. 12:1-2* Not conformed to world, but transformed
- Live in purity amidst an ungodly world
  - *2 Pet. 3:10-13* In view of Judgment, must live in purity
  - *1 Thess. 5:21-22* Abstain from every form of evil
  - *2 Cor. 7:1* Must cleanse ourselves from all defilement
- Boldly oppose the evils of the surrounding world
  - *1 Jn. 4:17* Boldness based on being like Jesus in all aspects
  - *Acts 4:13, 31* Boldly speaking truth shows likeness of Jesus
  - *1 Pet. 3:13-16* Lives must show truth under scrutiny
- **We must stand out, not blend in with the world!**

# The Problem of COMPROMISE

- Compromise with the world's moral assures failure
  - What happens with compromise over immodest dress?
  - What happens with compromise over use of intoxicants?
  - What happens with compromise on divorce & remarriage?
  - What happens with compromise on homosexuality?
- Compromise with denominational doctrine to be...
  - A little more like the “Faith Only” doctrine
  - A little more like the evangelical concept of “Grace”
  - A little more like the charismatic views on “Holy Spirit”
  - A little more like the “Health & Wealth gospel” world view
  - A little more like the religious world views on authority
- **Cannot become “denominational light” & influence them!**