

Your Pilgrim Witness: Be Who You Are

1 Peter 2:11-12

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Church power is ministerial and declarative.

Biblical sanctification is: *the imperative follows the indicative.*

The Pilgrim's Identity - Beloved, I urge you

I love you, please listen to me.

Peter wants you to know who you are, and then to be who you are in Christ.

As Sojourners and Exiles

You are strangers and aliens in this world. You are pilgrims.

This world is not your home; you are only passing through.

The Pilgrim's War - Abstain from the Passions of the flesh

We must actively, intentionally say no, to the world.

What is "the flesh"?

Not your physical nature, but your fallen nature. (1 John 2:16; Galatians 5:19-21)

Why do we have to abstain? -They war against your soul

When you side with the enemy; *things die!*

The temptation offers pleasure, but it ends in pain.

The Pilgrim's Lifestyle - Honorable Conduct among the Gentiles

We are to overcome evil with good. We are to conquer them with kindness.

Our lives are our witness to the world. (Matthew 5:16)

We aim to be a truthful *and a gracious witness* to those still enslaved. But he was right! He had a claim! He should have stood his ground!

David Wilcox song, "You've never seen a rumble Like the fight tonight!"

The Pilgrim's Goal

What is the day of visitation?

Truth resonates in the soul of unbelievers for they know God and truth.

Pilgrim's Lifestyle

“Therefore it becomes us to spend this life only as *a journey towards heaven,*”

Be who you are pilgrims. This world is not your home.