

How to Live As An Alien

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to those who reside as aliens... 1 Pet 1:1

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- Our Response:
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 - Remember you are Sons (& daughters) Gal 4:6-7
 - Remember what you were bought with! 2 Cor 6:19-20

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- Joseph had a PLAN – do you?
- Moses stood apart – Hebrews 11:23-26
- How do you keep from being like the world?
Plan must be filled with Christ! 1 Cor 10:31; Col 1:9,10

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