

Aliens & Stranger Things

Part 4- Citizenship

Intro

Too often we have thought of the Bible as good advice to make life here better.

Changed

1 Peter 1:14 Do not be conformed to former lusts

Romans 12:1-2 Present bodies as sacrifice (die)
not conformed but transformed

Ephesians 2

1-3 former lusts-the “pattern”/course of this world
4-10 God’s renewing-transforming through grace (His work)

11-12 Formerly strangers to God’s people

13-18 reconciliation & a new people
brought together

19-22 Now citizens in God’s house – centered around Christ

2 Corinthians 5:17-20

New creature in Christ

Reconciled and gave us same job

v.19 God reconciling

v.20 Ambassadors, not citizens

begging people to be reconciled

v.21 the Heart of the Gospel

Application

We are now citizens of God – a relationship brought together in Christ with each other

This is the core of God’s work
to reconcile us to God & each other

We represent this through the values & leadership of the Kingdom – living as ambassadors here.

Our message: Be reconciled to God

Danger: when we lose/obscure/or even destroy the message of reconciliation
-grace to be brought near

Are you a citizen?

If you are in Christ, are you living as a citizen of heaven, an ambassador to this world with a message of reconciliation?