## Grace Place Ministries, Inc. Ordinary People Serving an Extraordinary God

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## **HOMESICK ALIENS**

More and more we are hearing in the news about classified documents being released by the military about unusual sightings of things in the skies. Suggestions of aliens and UFOs are increasing. We hear daily of all the illegal aliens invading our borders from other countries. One definition of alien is: a "foreigner, especially one who is not a naturalized citizen of the country they are living in." I wouldn't even attempt to discuss the possibility of little green creatures invading the earth realm but I am going to attempt to make all of us aware that those of us who have confessed Jesus as Lord and Savior are called aliens, exiles, refugees, foreigners, pilgrims, strangers and immigrants in the Word of God! We are citizens of another country and we are just passing through!!

Hebrews 11: 9-16, "He (Abraham) lived by faith as an immigrant in his promised land as though it belonged to someone else. His eyes of faith were set on the city with unshakable foundations whose architect and builder is God Himself." verse 13b, "They all lived their lives on earth as those who belonged to another realm."

verse 14, "For clearly, those who live this way are lounging for the appearing of a heavenly city" verse 16, "for their hearts were fixed on what was far greater, that is, the heavenly realm. So, because of this, God is not ashamed in any way to be called their God, for He has prepared a heavenly city for them." Hebrews 12:23, "And as members of the church of the Firstborn, all our names have been legally registered as citizens of heaven!" verse 26-29 speaks of the "shakings of the systems of the world" so that the "unshakable will remain."

verse 28, "Since we are receiving our rights to an <u>unshakable</u> <u>kingdom</u> we should be extremely thankful and offer God our purest worship that delights His heart." (PT) We are just passing through!!

SO, since we are "just passing through" what do we do in the meantime while we are still living on this earth?

1 Peter 2:11, "Since you are resident aliens and foreigners in this world, I appeal to you to divorce yourselves from the evil desires that wage war within you." (PT) 1 Peter 1:16 "but as He Who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct."(NIV)

Philippians 2:14-15, "Live a cheerful life, without complaining or division among yourselves. For then you will be seen as innocent, faultless, and pure children of God, even though you live in the midst of a brutal and perverse culture. For you will appear among them as shining lights in the universe holding out the words of eternal life." (PT)

Colossians 3:1-2, "Christ's resurrection is your resurrection, too. This is why we are to yearn for all that is above, for that's where Christ sits enthroned at the place of all power, honor, and authority! Yes, feast on the treasures of the heavenly realm and fill your thoughts with heavenly realities, and not with the distractions of the natural realm."

(PT)

So much more but out of space!! I pray that this encourages you as these truths have encouraged me!! We were never meant to "fit in" in this world! We don't belong....we are just passing through! The shakings will increase and become more intense so we need to remind ourselves that our God is in total control....has prepared a place for us....and is coming again soon! Normal isn't coming back....but Jesus is!!! Holy Spirit help us to set our minds on what is above and not on what is below and prepare all of us and our families for Your soon return!! Come quickly Lord Jesus!! In Jesus' Name!

So thankful for your love and faithful support to Grace Place! I love you all!!

Rhonda



## TOTAL SERVED

3,181

3 meals a week & groceries twice monthly

**OUR CURRENT NEEDS:** 

Children's Bibles
Men's Jeans
Underwear
Socks
Bleach
PineSol
Finances

Donation Drop Off: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:30am-2:00pm

The fact that our heart yearns for something Earth can't supply is proof that Heaven must be our home.

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