



Introduction

“If anyone would come after me he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me” (Matthew 16:24).

I. Purpose

II. Date & Audience

III. Structure & Outline

Chapter 1:1-2: God’s Elect, Strangers in the World

To God’s elect, strangers in the world, scattered throughout ... (1:1)

Chapter 1:3—2:10: The High Privilege and Calling of Being Elect Strangers

But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.” (1:15-16)

Chapter 2:11—4:11: A Lifestyle Different From, Yet Attractive to the World

Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake (2:13)

Chapter 4:12—5:14: Responding to Suffering

Do not be surprised ... but rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ. (4:12-13)

