“This World Is Not My Home”  
1 Pet. 2:11-12

Introduction:
A. “Strangers and pilgrims” are temporary residents.
B. Bill Hall’s story of their years in Australia.
C. The song: “This world is not my home” (Hymns for worship - No. 230)
D. If this world is not our home then why ...

Discussion:
I. Value it So Highly.
A. Too involved in accumulating wealth (Matt. 6:20-21)
B. Too concerned with making a living (Matt. 6:25-33).

II. Seek its Approval.
A. Accept that the world thinks Christians strange (1 Pet. 4:3,4)
B. Accept that the world hates us. (John 15:18,19)

III. Become So Entangled in It.
A. We must avoid entanglement (2 Tim. 2:3, 4; cf. Lk. 8:14).
1. Cannot turn lose when duty calls.
2. Have spiritual TB (too busy).
B. Entangled in things right within themselves.
1. Sports.
2. Pleasure.
3. Civic
4. Hinders church in planning meetings and services.
C. Entanglement can be avoided.
1. Be up front when participating in activities – church comes first.
2. Leave time and energy for spiritual exercises.

IV. Conform to It.
A. Be not conformed, but transformed (Rom. 12:2)
1. Transformed = Metamorphose
2. Conform = To shape to the form.
B. Conform in various areas.
1. Speech.
2. Dress.
3. Habits.

V. Resist Leaving It.
A. No one should want to leave it prematurely.
1. All seem to have built-in natural fear of death.
2. Should want to finish our work here. (Cf. John 4:34; Phil. 1:23-25)
B. Yet, one should not live in horror of death.
1. For ourselves (2 Cor. 4:16-5:3)
2. For fellow Christians (1 Thess. 4:13-18)
3. Like watching friend board a plane for home, knowing we will follow soon.

Conclusion:
A. Are you prepared to go home?
B. Have you obeyed the gospel?
C. Are you a faithful Christian?