



TODAY'S MESSAGE:

STRANGERS

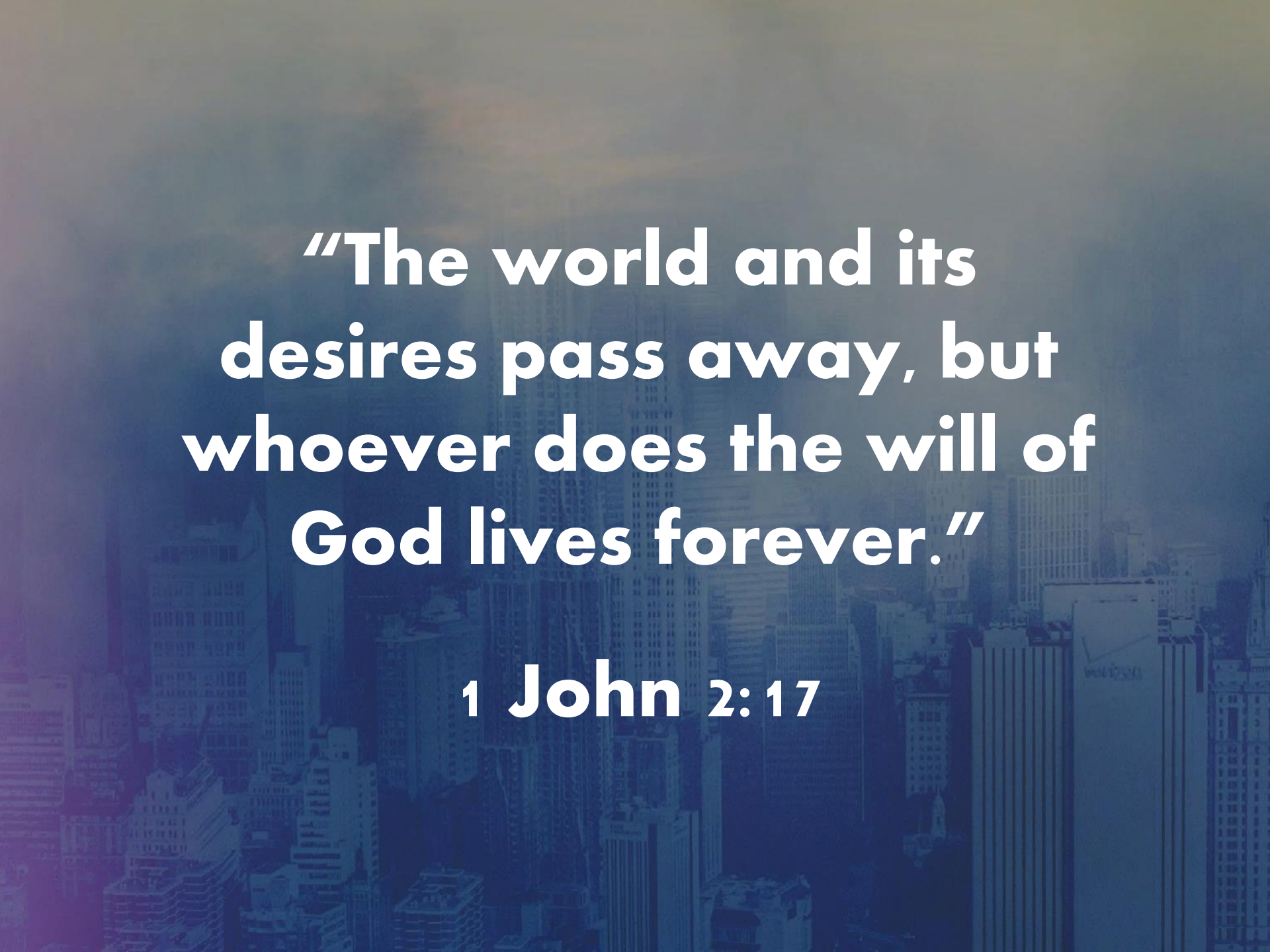
IN A STRANGE LAND

1 JOHN 2

Christians (followers of Jesus) are....

**Strangers
Foreigners
Exiles
Peculiar
Unique**

In relation to the things of this world.



**“The world and its
desires pass away, but
whoever does the will of
God lives forever.”**

1 John 2:17

*“Dear Friends, I urge you,
as foreigners and exiles,
to abstain from sinful desires,
which wage war against your soul.”*

1 Peter 2:11

“Friends, this world is not your home, so don’t make yourselves to cozy in it. Don’t indulge your ego at the expense of your soul. Live an exemplary life among the natives so that your actions will refute their prejudices. Then they will be won over to God’s side and be there to join in the celebration when he arrives.”

1 Peter 2 (The Message Bible)

“Don’t love the worlds ways. Don’t love the worlds goods. Love of the world squeezes out love for the Father. Practically everything that goes on in the world, wanting your own way, wanting everything for yourself, wanting to appear important, has nothing to do with the Father. It just isolates you from Him.”

1 John 2 (The Message Bible)

Why are Christians different than the world?

*But you have an anointing from the
Holy One, and all of you know the truth.*

1 John 2:20

*“They are not of the world,
even as I am not of the world.”*

- Jesus' words in John 17

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The Christian's greatest apologetic
is telling your story of redemption
and salvation in Jesus.

Prayer of Jesus in John 17

“Father, I don’t ask you to take my followers out of the world, but keep them safe from the evil one. They don’t belong to this world, and neither do I. Your word is the truth. So let this truth make them completely yours. I am sending them into the world, just as you sent me. I have given myself completely for their sake, so that they may belong completely to the truth.”