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“These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.”

Hebrews 11:13

“You must not oppress a resident alien; you yourselves know how it feels to be a resident alien because you were resident aliens in the land of Egypt.”

Exodus 23:9 (CSB)

“But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ ...”

Philippians 3:20

“For any Christian who believes that a dead man got up out of his grave two thousand years ago, there is an ever-increasing gulf with those who do not – a fact which no amount of cultural hipness can overcome. We will be found weird, wanting, and ripe for ridicule.”

Jared Bridges

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To those who are elect exiles according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

Paraphrase

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“trials” - test for strength

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“Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.”

James 1:2-3

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“Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him ...”

1 Peter 1:8

“Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

John 20:23

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4. Salvation is **craved by heaven and earth**.
(10-12)

“For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?”

1 Peter 4:17

“He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.”

1 Peter 2:24