

EXILES:

JOYFUL OR CYNICAL?

1 PETER

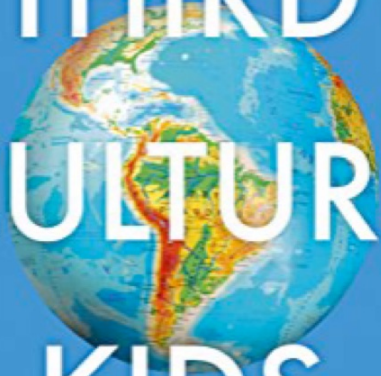




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THIRD CULTURE KIDS

Growing Up Among Worlds

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What is a third culture kid?

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“A child who has spent a significant time of her developmental years in a different culture from her parents’ passport culture”

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2. the screamer
3. the wallflower

Peter identifies the recipients as “those who are elect exiles.”

1 Peter 1:1

“As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious ...”

1 Peter 2:4



The Holocaust Museum
Jerusalem

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What do we do?

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1. Who were we?

- **darkness** (dwellers)
“who called you out of darkness”

“For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true) ...”

Ephesians 5:8-9

- darkness (dwellers)
- not **a people**

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“once you were not a people”

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“once you had not received mercy”

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Lo Ammi = not my people

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2. Who **are we**?

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“The church does not replace Israel, but it does fulfill the promises made to Israel; and all those, Jews and Gentiles, who belong to the restored Israel are part of the new people of God.”

Thomas Schreiner

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- **beloved**

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exiles = someone passing through

“We are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.”

2 Peter 3:13

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2. Who are we?
3. Where do we belong?
4. What do **we do**?

- We **proclaim** God's **excellencies**.

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“That you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light”

1 Peter 2:9b

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“Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.”

1 Peter 2:11

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“We should judge reality to consist of those things and processes identified by well-established fields of science using theories backed by evidence drawn from systematic observations and experiments.

“This view ... rules out both religious faith and a priori arguments as sources of knowledge about reality Reality is what science can discover.”

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2. We are neither "chameleons" nor "screamers."

“For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?”

Mark 8:36

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3. We live to **proclaim his excellencies!**

“Behold, I go forward, but he is not there,
and backward, but I do not perceive him; on
the left hand when he is working, I do not
behold him; he turns to the right hand, but I
do not see him.

“But he knows the way that I take; when he has tried me, I shall come out as gold.”

Job 23:8-10

“That you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”

1 Peter 2:9b

“... once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.”

1 Peter 2:10b

“God has a multitude of all kinds of mercies. As our hearts and the devil are the father of variety of sins, so God is the father of variety of mercies.

“There is no sin or misery but God has a mercy for it. He has a multitude of mercies of every kind.

“And as there are variety of miseries which the creature is subject unto, so he has in himself a shop, a treasury of all sorts of mercies

“If your heart be hard, his mercies are tender.
If your heart be dead, he has mercy to liven it.
If you be sick, he has mercy to heal you.
If you be sinful, he has mercies to sanctify and
cleanse you.

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