

“Aliens in the World”

(John 15:12-27)

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Like A River Glorious

Verse 1

Like a river glorious, is God's perfect peace,
Over all victorious, in its bright increase;
Perfect, yet it floweth, fuller every day,
Perfect, yet it groweth, deeper all the way.

Chorus

Stayed upon Jehovah,
Hearts are fully blest
Finding, as He promised,
Perfect peace and rest.

Verse 2

Hidden in the hollow of His blessed hand,
Never foe can follow, never traitor stand;
Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care,
Not a blast of hurry touch the spirit there.

Chorus

Stayed upon Jehovah,
Hearts are fully blest
Finding, as He promised,
Perfect peace and rest.

Verse 3

Every joy or trial falleth from above,
Traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love;
We may trust Him fully all for us to do.
They who trust Him wholly find Him wholly
true.

Chorus

Stayed upon Jehovah,
Hearts are fully blest
Finding, as He promised,
Perfect peace and rest.

JOHN

Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God (20:31)

➤ *A Thematic Outline:*

- I. The Introduction of the Son of God (1:1-51)
- II. The Revelation of the Son of God to the World (2:1–12:50)
 - *Jesus' Public Ministry*
- III. The Revelation of the Son of God for the Disciples (13:1–17:26)
 - *Jesus' Private Ministry*
- IV. The Passion & Proof of the Son of God for the World (18:1–20:31)
- V. The Epilogue Concerning the Son of God (21:1-25)

The “Farewell Discourse” of Jesus in John 13–17

- Context: The night before Jesus was crucified
- Purpose: To prepare His disciples for His imminent departure
- 2 Main Themes:
 1. Love one another
 2. Stay faithful

Jesus' "Farewell Discourse" (cont.)

- *Jesus' Teaching for His disciples:*

1. Loving Servant-Leadership
2. His Imminent Departure
3. The Holy Spirit
4. The Community

5. Relationships

- To God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit)
- To one another
- **To the world**

“Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. Live such good lives among pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day He visits us.”

—1 Peter 2:11-12

John's Use of the Word *"WORLD"*

- Gk. *kosmos*
- 3 Different Uses:
 1. The Universe (creation)
 2. The World of Men (mankind)
 3. The World System (evil)

3 Different Uses of the Word Kosmos in the Same Verse

“He was in the world (*kosmos*),
and though the world (*kosmos*)
was made through Him, the
world (*kosmos*) did not recognize
Him.”

—John 1:10

3 Main Reasons Jesus Gives Why Faithful Believers Will Face Suffering and Persecutions From the World

1. Christ's followers are not of this world (v. 19).
2. The world hated the Lord Jesus Christ and it hates His followers also (v. 20).
3. The world does not know God the Father (v. 21).