From Alien to Ambassador

Reflections of an Undeserving Wretch Saved by Amazing Grace, Part 1

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I. Introduction

II. God's Heart for the Immigrant

III. God's People Are Aliens and Immigrants

IV. God Uses the Weak and Undeserving for His Gospel and His Glory

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

You ✝ Your Family ✝ Your Friends ✝ Your Community Group

1. What is your family background? When did you, your parents, grandparents, or other ancestors immigrate to the United States?

2. On Sunday we studied a number of bible passages reflecting God's compassion for the immigrant. Select from the partial list of references below and explore God's attitude for yourself.

Genesis 12:1-4,10
Exodus 12:43-49
Leviticus 18:26, 19:9-10,33-34, 25:23
Numbers 15:15-16, 29
Deuteronomy 10:12-22, 24:14-21
Joshua 8:35, 20:9
1 Chronicles 29:14-16
Job 29:14-16
Psalm 39:12, 94:1-7, 146:9
Isaiah 14:1
Jeremiah 7:5-7
Ezekiel 22:6-8, 29-30
Zechariah 7:10
Malachi 3:5

Matthew 2:13-14, 25:35-45
Luke 10:25-37
Acts 17:26-27, 5:29
Romans 12:13-16, 13:1-5
Ephesians 2:11-22
Philippians 3:20
1 Timothy 3:1-3, 5:8
Hebrews 11:13-14
1 Peter 2:11-14
Revelation 7:9-10

3. While we love our country and its freedoms, why is it important to realize that God has made us citizens of the kingdom of heaven? When we "pledge allegiance," to which nation / country / kingdom should we pledge our highest allegiance?

4. According to the sermon, what is an ambassador? How does that relate to being an immigrant or foreigner? What is the ambassador's role? How can you fulfill your role as an "ambassador for Christ" (2 Cor. 5:20)?

5. Without getting into fruitless debates over public policy, how can you as an individual Christian and we as a church improve our attitudes towards immigrants in our country, repenting of any unkindness or inhospitality, and showing love to our neighbors? (Recall from the parable of the Good Samaritan who Jesus said our neighbor is.)

6. Spend some time in prayer asking God for a soft heart of compassion to do His will as it relates to immigrants, recognizing that you as a Christian are part of a group of "aliens and strangers" yourself (1 Pet. 2:11).