



FOREIGNERS & EXILES

ALTERNATIVE SOCIETY

1 PETER 3:8

Finally, all of you, be like-minded,
be sympathetic, love one another,
be compassionate and humble.

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All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

Acts 4:32-35

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The emphasis on *brotherly love* often falls on “love” rather than on “brother,” which sometimes leads to a misunderstanding that affection is more important than the resolve to do right by others with whom we are substantially related by faith in Christ.

Karen Jobes, *1 Peter Commentary* 216

- Prefer a variety of church experiences, rather than getting the most out of all that a single church has to offer.
- Think that spiritual enlightenment comes from diligence in a discovery process, rather than from commitment to a faith community and perspective.
- View religion as a commodity that we consume, rather than one in which we invest ourselves.
- Are transient—15 to 20 percent of all households relocate each year.

George Barna, The Second Coming of the Church

I was raised up believing I was somehow unique
Like a snowflake distinct among snowflakes,
unique in each way you can see
And now after some thinking, I'd say I'd rather be
A functioning cog in some great machinery
serving something beyond me

Fleet Foxes, Helplessness Blues

“Love is the cure. It cures those
who give it and it cures those who
receive it.”

J. Powell, *Unconditional Love*

Once you were not a people, but now
you are the people of God; once you had
not received mercy, but now you have
received mercy.

1 Peter 2:10