

# Being a Christian-American

Text: I Peter 2:11-15

**Introduction:** We are living in a "hyphenated" country.... Examples: African American, Arab American, Asian American, European American, Latin American, Native American., Chinese American, English American, Filipino American, German American, Greek American, Cuban American, Irish American, Italian American, Japanese American, Jewish American, Korean American, Mexican American, Polish American, and so on.

How about this one? Christian-American!!

- A Christian-American still pledges allegiance to the flag!
- A Christian-American still stands & sings the Star-spangled Banner!
- A Christian-American still waves Old Glory!
- A Christian-American still respects our nation!
- A Christian-American still loves America!

As Peter wrote to Christians scattered throughout the Roman Empire some 2,000 years ago, he advised them how they were to live out their **dual roles**:

- As Residents In An **Earthly** Country
- As Citizens Of An **Heavenly** Kingdom

By studying Peter's advice to the believers in his day, we learn some important truths for our lives as American's today.

## I. **Our Connection With This Country (Vs. 11)**

- A. We Are Strangers      B. We Are Pilgrims

## II. **Our Conduct In This Country (Vs. 11-12)**

- A. Abstinent      B. Attractive

## III. **Our Contribution To This Country (Vs. 13-15)**

- A. Respect the Law      B. Represent the Lord

Because of sin and spiritual apathy, *America the Beautiful* is increasingly becoming *America the Pitiful*. It is time that Gods' people repent, and determine to live for Christ in the midst of a dark and decaying culture.