

BBC - 8/31/25 Home Bible Study Outline – “IN but not OF” – [2 Peter 1:10](#)

Current U.S. political conflict: Non-citizen ‘illegal-alien’ migrants in the U.S., are **“IN but not OF.”**

- **IN:** Entered fraudulently; Attempt assimilation by hiding true identity; Benefiting of member-rights.
- **NOT OF:** In U.S. illegally. / This is a hot national political issue, but also a Church spiritual one!

Jesus’ final pastoral prayer for His disciples before Calvary, included the post-resurrection Church.

- [John 17:11,14&16](#) - Disciples are **IN** the world, but **not OF** the world; as would be the Church, v,20
- **The World** (kosmos = an orderly arranged system) is not the God-created earth, but the world system
- Ever since Adam’s sin, Satan has ruled the world system ([Eph. 2:2-3](#)). Jesus defeated Satan at the Resurrection, and He’s coming back again to take possession of the world He has redeemed.

Discussion: What similarities can be seen in the current political, and spiritual Church issues?

GOSPEL - All people of the world are called out of the world by Jesus Christ who provided redemption:

- [2 Cor. 6:17](#) - Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.
- [Heb. 11:13-16](#) – We were strangers/pilgrims on earth; came out; to a better country, a heavenly prepared city
- [Eph. 1:3-7](#) - He blessed us; chose us; predestinated to-adoption; made accepted; has redeemed & forgiven us
- [Gal. 4:5](#) - To redeem them that were under the law (condemnation), that we might receive the adoption of sons
- [Eph 2:19](#) - Now, we’re no more strangers & foreigners, but fellow-citizens w/the saints, & of the household of God
- [Gal. 4:7](#) - Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.
- [Rom. 8:17a](#) - And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ..
- [Gal. 3:29](#) - And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.
- [Heb 1:14](#) (angels) Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

Therefore, we are to **abide** (in Christ - [Jn 15](#)), & by a higher standard of God; not the world’s standard...

- [Rom. 12:2](#) - And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove (evidence in our lives) what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Discussion: In what sense did Jesus pray for us as being IN the world, but not OF it?

JESUS’ PARABLE of the 10 VIRGINS:

[Matthew 25:1-13](#) (also [7:21-23](#)) - Teaches us that **“IN but not OF”** is true also in the inverse sense.

- All were virgins – All had lamps & some oil – All awaiting Groom – All slumbered – All awakened
 - ½ of them were foolish! - Foolish only had their initial oil (functional), with no reserve (usefulness)
- Upon the Bridegroom’s arrival, they all stirred from slumber; but the Foolish discovered, ‘no oil!’
 - All were IN the group; but just going through the motions? No aforethought, foresight, true belief?
- Foolish virgins relied upon the possession of a functional external lamp – but no lasting oil supply.
 - Needed their own oil & had to go purchase for themselves. It was too late. Unknown... No entry!

Consider: [Isa 55:6](#) seek LORD while may be found/near; - [PS 107:17-20](#) attends even to fools if they cry out

Discussion: In what sense were the ‘foolish’ virgins IN, but not truly OF?

Jesus likened the Kingdom of God (Church) unto the 10 virgins:

- A Jewish ‘Minyan’ = congregation of **10** religious adults (a congregation comprised of wise & foolish).
- The **“foolish”** may be likened to people who attend church, hear truth, superficially participate in the rituals, rely on the presumed benefits of ‘church-membership,’ but were never truly ‘born-again.’
- It’s not enough to possess a functioning lamp (God’s Word – [Psalm 119:105](#)). We must have the Holy Spirit residing within us. That can only occur when we are converted, saved, ‘born-again!’
- Pastors are called to be ‘watchmen,’ who warn of ‘unbelief’ dangers ([Isaiah 62:6](#); [Ezekiel 3:17-19](#)).
- The oil-less Laodicean church ([Rev 3:18](#)) was counseled to ‘go buy’ tried-gold, raiment, & eye-salve!

Discussion: What exhortation does 2 Peter 1:10 give in making our calling & election sure?