



# The Church in a pagan world

Sermon slides, 21 June 2020

Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. Live such good lives among the 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



## **Remember who you are**

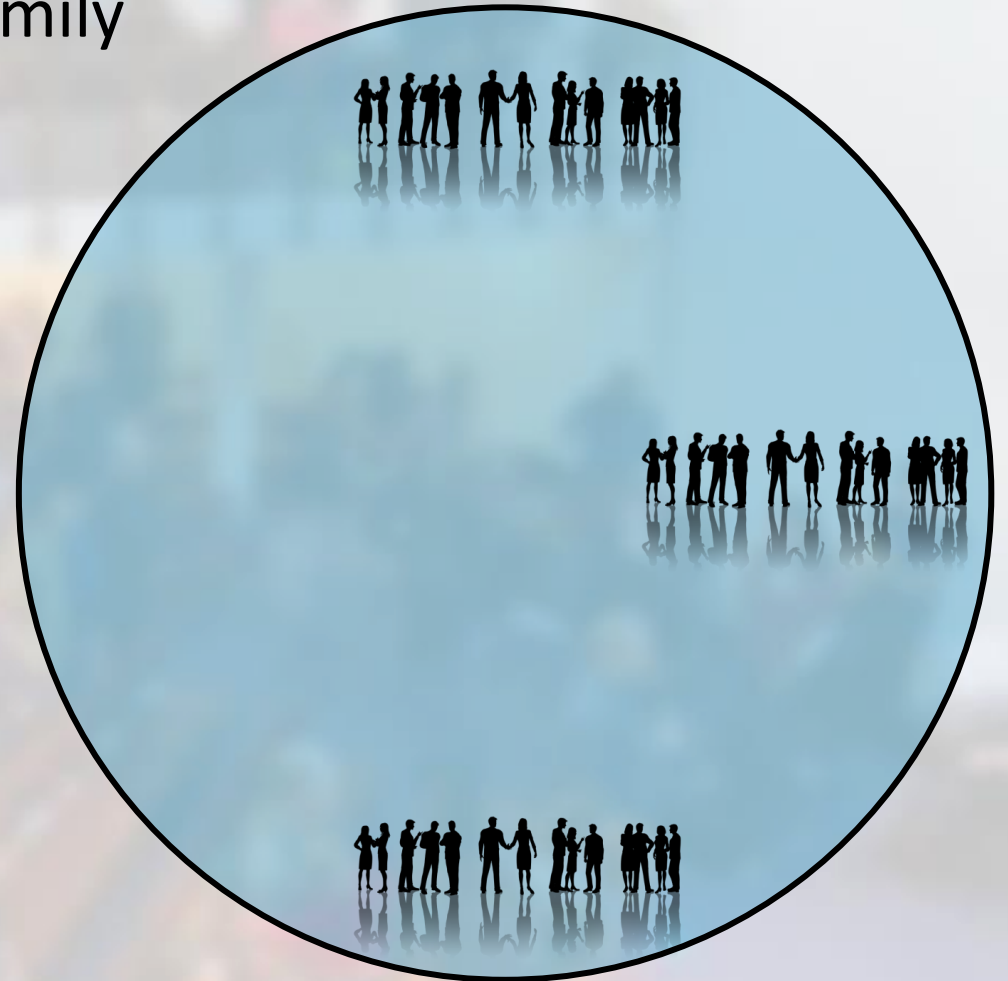
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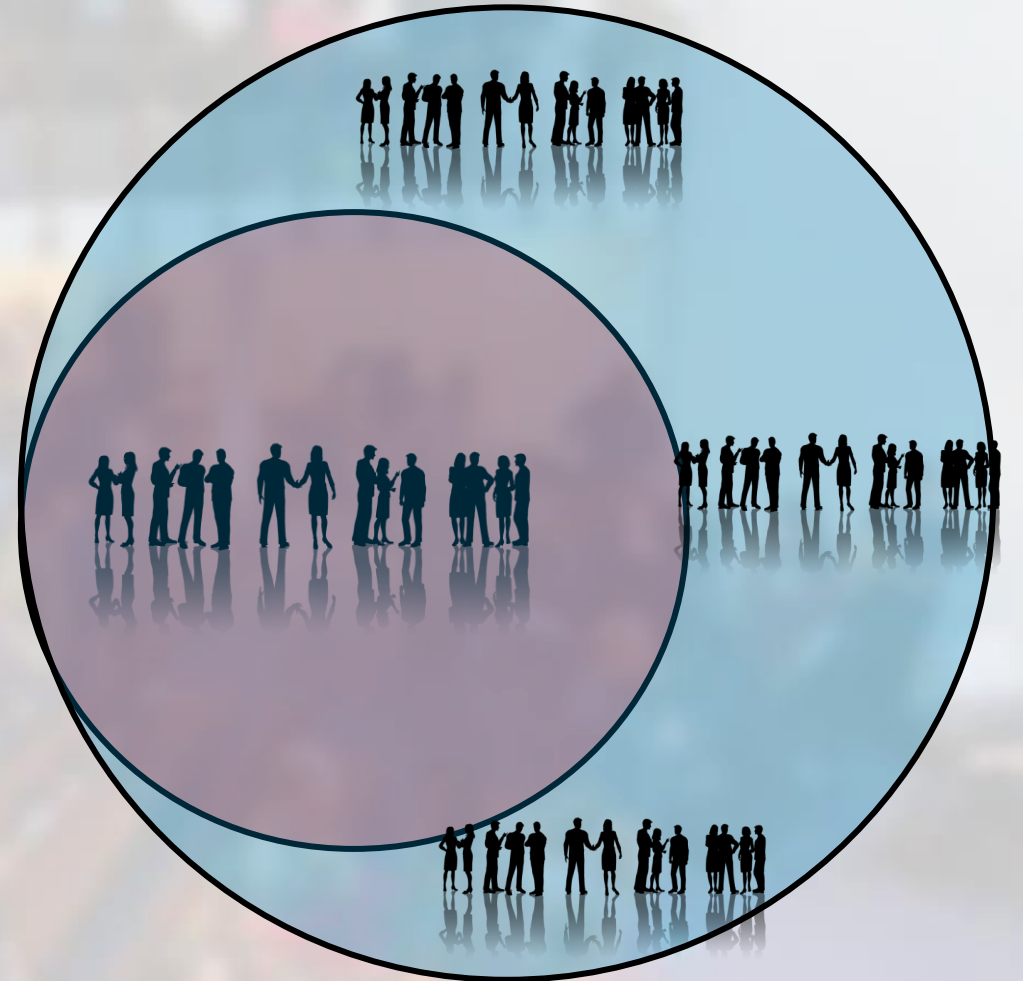
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## Remember who you are

- Members of Christ's family
- Pilgrims in our society



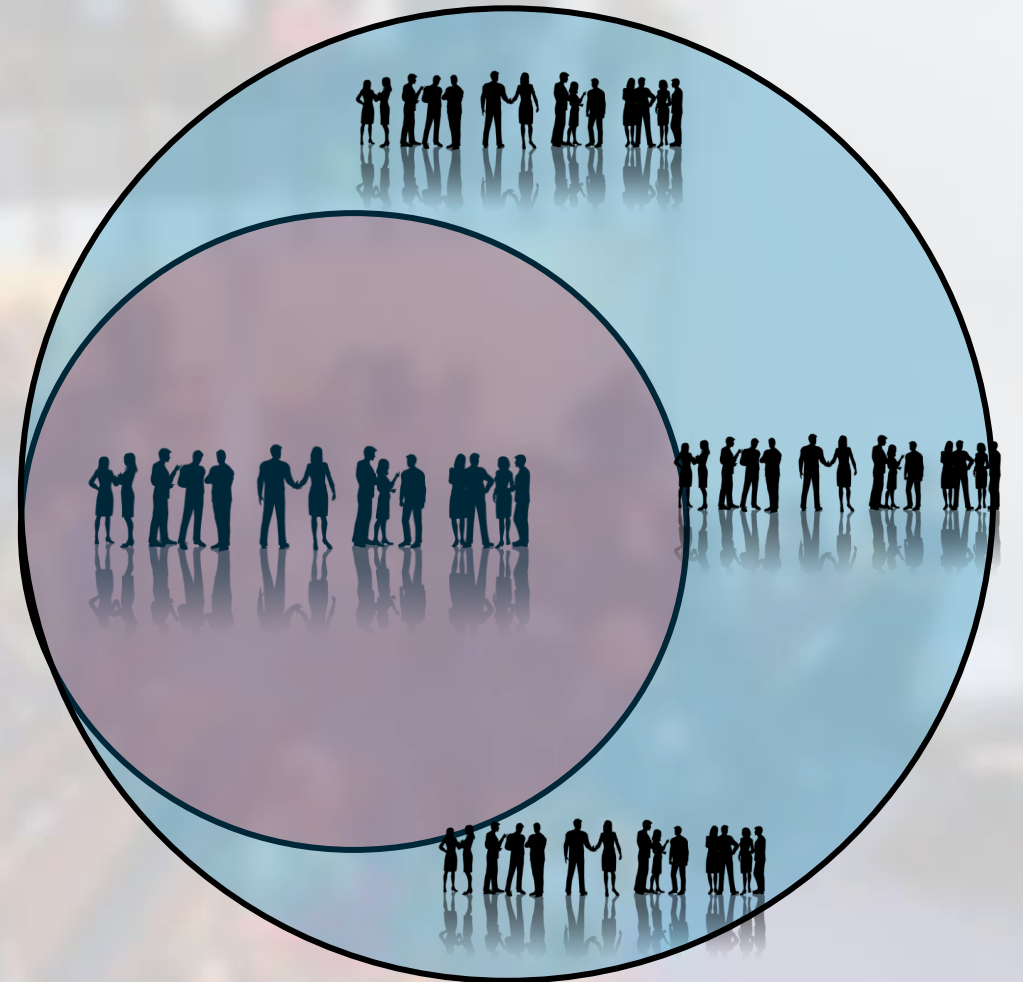


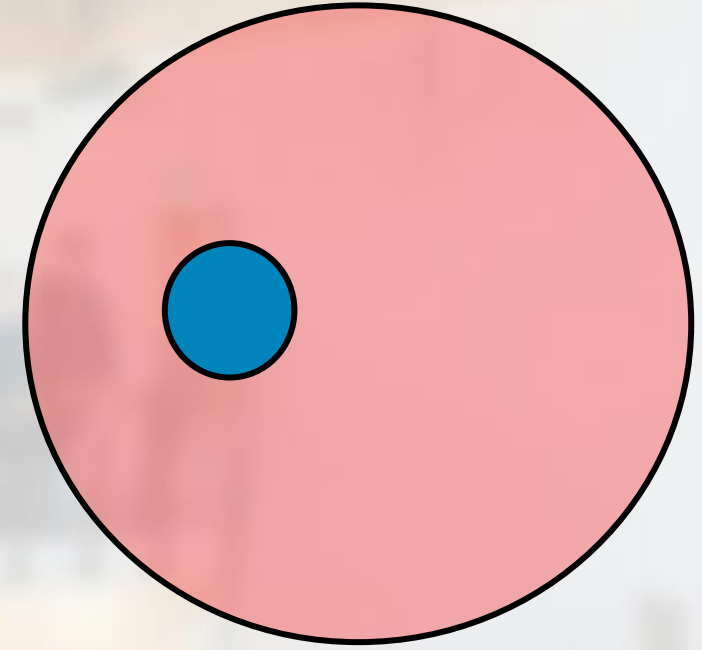
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What would it look like for you to make being a member of Christ's family, the church, your essential identity?

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What are the issues of being in society but as a pilgrim?





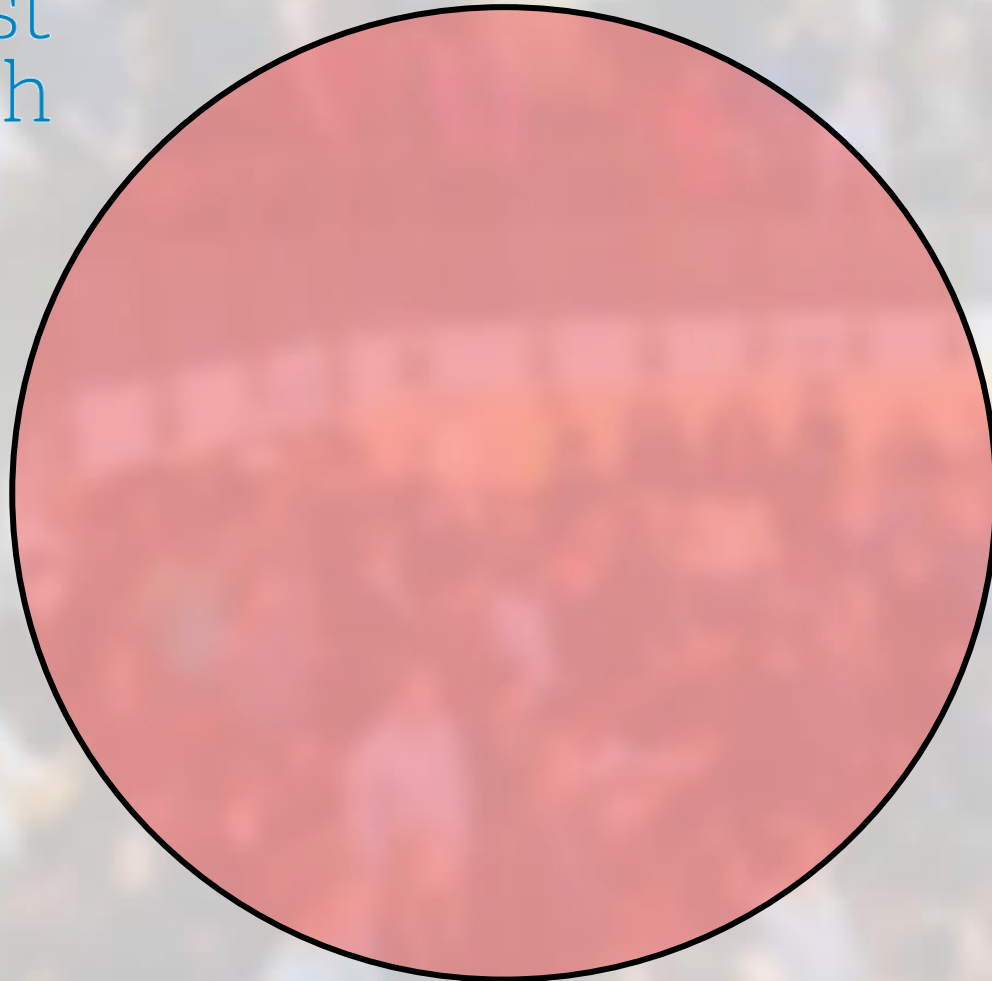
## **Fight the world within you**

*I urge you to abstain from sinful desires,  
which wage war against your soul*





Christian  
– what is good



Non-Christian  
– what is good





Christian

THEN

Non-Christian

Humility

One God

Faith means Holiness

Do what  
God says is right

Pushing yourself  
forward

Many gods

Religion + lifestyle  
not connected

Do what  
feels right





Christian

NOW

Non-Christian

Living for Christ

One God

God decides who I am  
and what is right

Control my desires

Living for me

No god or many

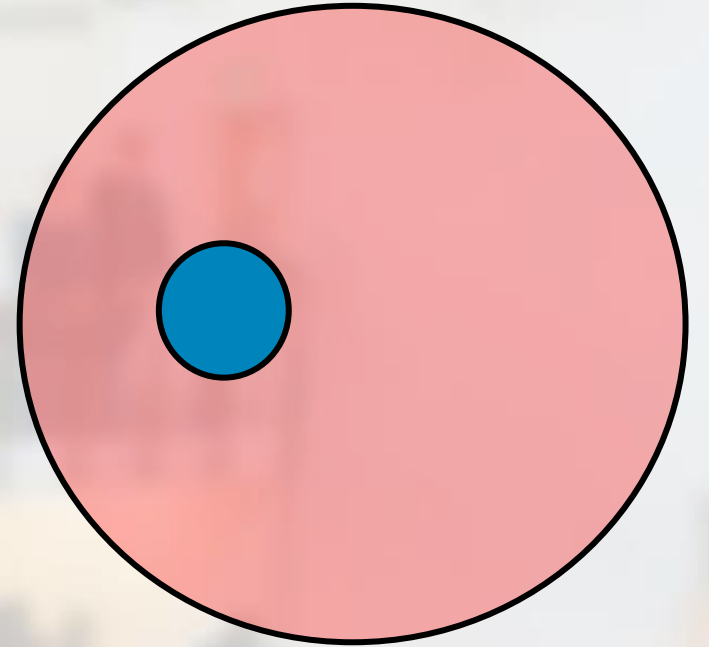
I decide who I am  
and what is right

Follow my desires



## Pause

What are some of the sinful desires that are at war against your soul?





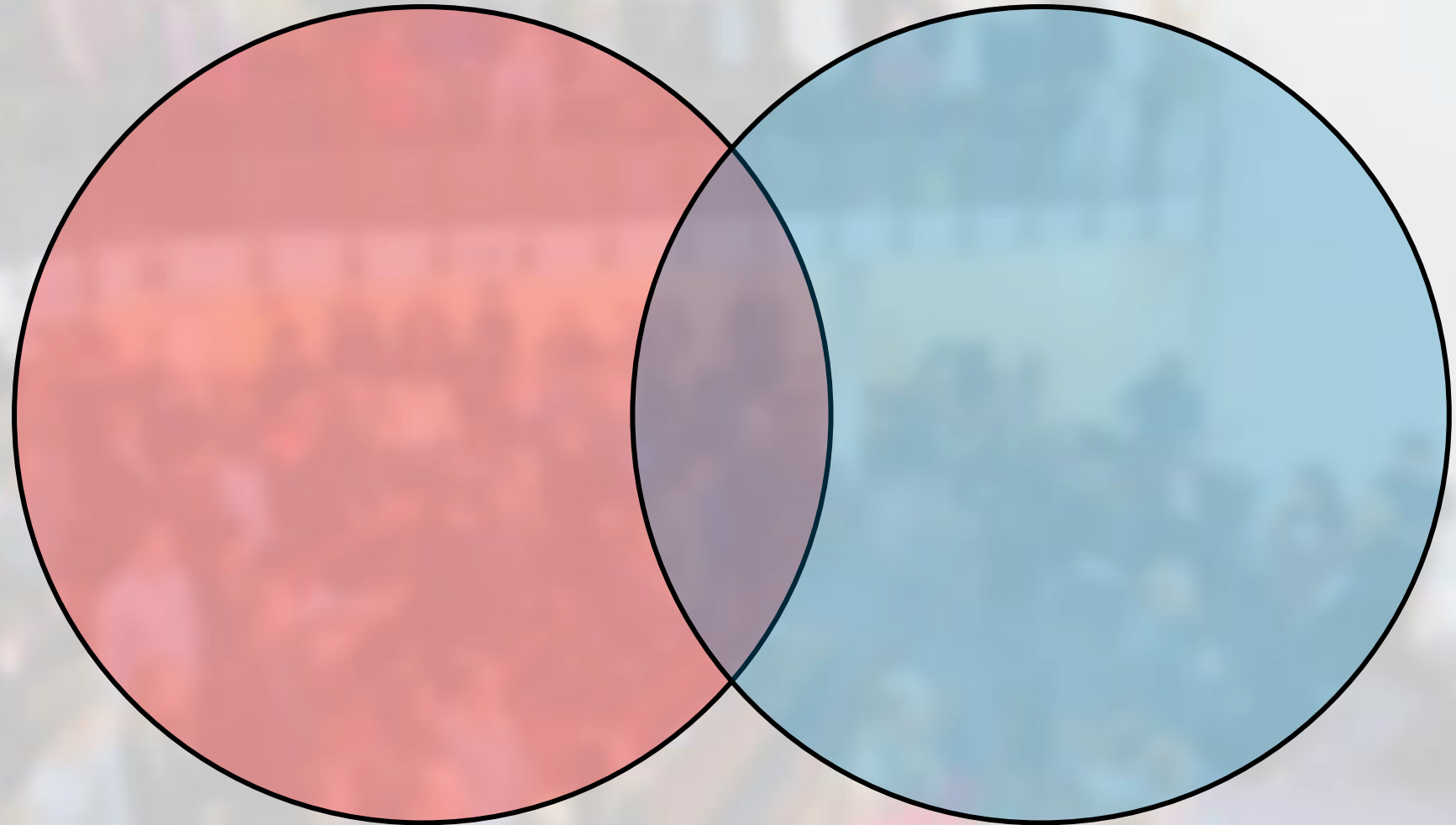
## **Serve the world around you**

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Christian  
– what is good

Non-Christian  
– what is good





Christian

Non-Christian



**Serve the world around you!**



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Baptist  
Church

