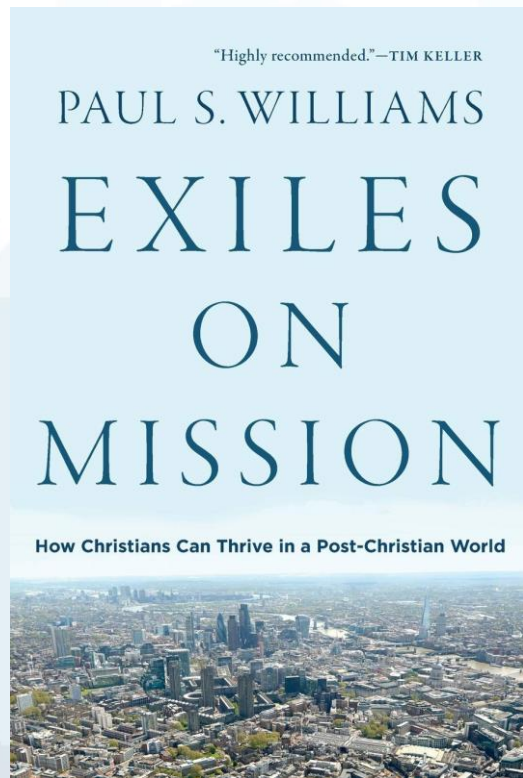


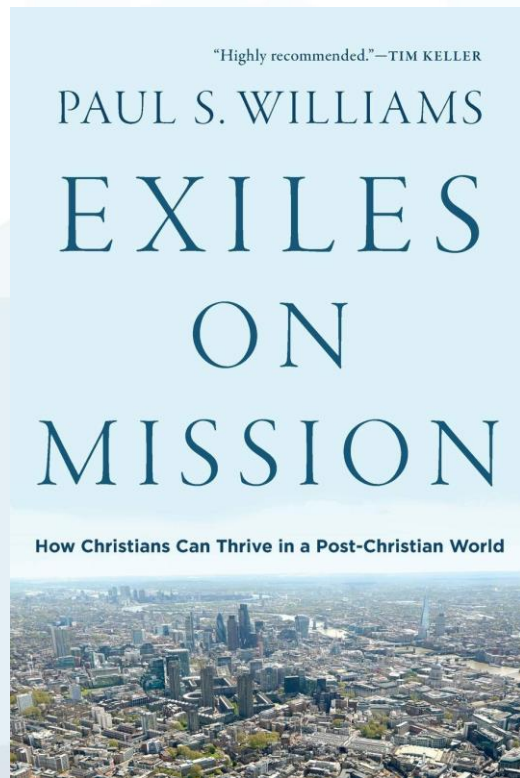
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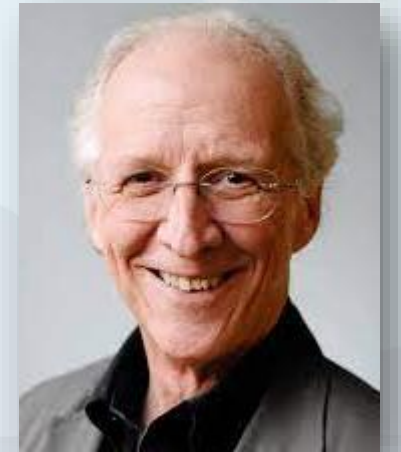


"We live in a generation in which our elders at least can remember a time when Christianity was still a major force in our Western or Western-influenced societies. Thus we feel its declining influence more acutely. Our faith is increasingly marginalized and subjected to ridicule, mockery, and disdain. Our society is dominated by cultural stories and beliefs that seem impervious to Christian faith, even a threat to it. Our science and technology, economic growth, and political processes all seem to exist and develop without the need for God. Jesus seems an embarrassment to many of us in the corporate office, school, hospital, café. Most of our neighbors seem ignorant of the gospel and uninterested in finding out more."



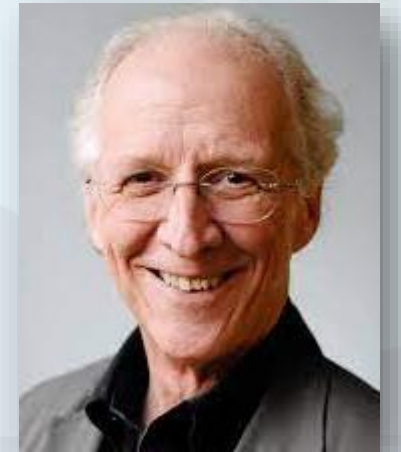
"Increasingly we settle for a kind of split personality disorder – talking and living according to one story when we're with church family and friends and adopting a different language and lifestyle when we're not. This leaves us profoundly dissatisfied, because we're not living truly integrated lives. We can't seem to be a whole person, with all our beliefs, values, and passions, wherever we are."

“American culture does not belong to Christians, neither in reality nor in biblical theology. It never has. The present tailspin toward Sodom is not a fall from Christian ownership. “The whole world lies in the power of the evil one” (1Jo 5:19). It has since the fall, and it will until Christ comes in open triumph. God’s rightful ownership will be manifested in due time...However, Christian exiles are not passive. We do not smirk at the misery or the merrymaking of immoral culture. We weep. Or we should.”



John Piper

“This is my main point: being exiles does not mean being cynical. It does not mean being indifferent or uninvolved. The salt of the earth does not mock rotting meat. Where it can, it saves and seasons. Where it can't, it weeps. And the light of the world does not withdraw, saying “good riddance” to godless darkness. It labors to illuminate. But not dominate. Being Christian exiles in American culture does not end our influence; it takes the swagger out of it. We don't get cranky that our country has been taken away. We don't whine about the triumphs of evil. We are not hardened with anger. We understand, this is not new. This was the way it was in the beginning.”



John Piper

John 17

**IN THE WORLD,
NOT OF THE WORLD**



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IN THE WORLD, NOT OF THE WORLD

John 17

- 1. We belong to Jesus.**
- 2. We are guarded from evil.**



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“If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours.”

- John 15:18-20



"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

- John 16:33

IN THE WORLD, NOT OF THE WORLD

John 17

- 1. We belong to Jesus.**
- 2. We are guarded from evil.**
- 3. We are distinct from the world.**



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“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world – the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life – is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.”

- 1John 2:15-17

IN THE WORLD, NOT OF THE WORLD

John 17

- 1. We belong to Jesus.**
- 2. We are guarded from evil.**
- 3. We are distinct from the world.**
- 4. We are sent into the world as one.**



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Identity in the World	Integrated Citizen	Displaced Defender	Visiting Outsider	Faithful Ambassador
Approach	Assimilate Conform	Attack Recapture	Withdraw Abandon	Invest Engage
Strategy	Adapt Compromise	Tactical Withdraw Armor Up, Fight	Preserve Purity Wait it Out	Live on Mission Be Salt & Light
Private & Public Life	Separate Sacred & Secular, Hide Faith	Overemphasize Public Sphere	Overemphasize Private Sphere	Live in Tension of Private & Public
Driving Characteristics	Acceptance Cowardice Faithlessness	Anger Resentment Entitlement	Fear Self-Preservation Detachment	Faith Courage Compassion
View of Church	Personal Retreat Day Spa	Battle Station Trench	Bunker Shelter	Embassy Missional Outpost
Message to the World	To Each His Own	Judgment	Stay Away	Gospel

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“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.”

- Romans 1:16