

They Are Not of the World

What did Jesus pray? John 17:9-23

- 9: Prayed only for the true Christian
- 10: Such to represent Him properly
- 11: We are to agree on doctrines
- 12: We are to be hid in Christ (Word, law, obedience) [John 15:4-10]
- 13: Life is to bring joy (not fun)
- 14: Not to be of the world
- 15: Not to be complete exclusionists sitting in a cave but still to be kept from evil by not purposely exposing ourselves unnecessarily
- 16: We will not even think worldly
- 17: Sanctification is the goal (holy living)
- 18: We are sent into the world
- 19: But not to participate in it
- 20: All that truly believe
- 21: To be His witnesses
- 22: Once again, one in thought and action (doctrines)
- 23: Show the world how God has loved us so much that He pulled us out of sin into perfection

What are we considered when we indulge in the world? James 4:4

- Adulterers and adulteresses and enemies

What counsel are we given? 1 John 2:15-17

- FLESH: Avoid that which is the purpose to gratify the flesh.
- EYES: Avoid all that glitters to attract the eye.
- PRIDE: Avoid not only that which reveals pride but that which we feel we miss out on.
- Besides, will it really matter when the world passes away?

What other counsel is given? Titus 2:12

- Deny ungodliness
- Deny worldly lusts (desires)
- Live a sober, righteous, and godly life

And what other counsel is given? Colossians 2:8

- Do not be listening to the supposed ways of the PHD, MD, and other alphabet people
- Do not follow traditions blindly
- Do not conform to the way the world operates

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What is the context? James 4:3-10

- 3: Explains why our prayers are powerless when we are still chasing our lusts
- 4: Enemy of God if we continue in worldly ways
- 5: Is the Spirit given for lusting?
- 6: Open up to God's grace!
- 7: Submit wholly unto God
- 8: Stop being double minded
- 9: True Christianity is serious
- 10: The positive -- He will support us, give us divine power (2 Peter 1:3)

So what are some worldly activities we ought to cut out?

- 1 Corinthians 10:31: There are rules regarding what we eat and drink.
- Psalms 101:2-3: TV and movies, sports, and other entertainment has to go.
- Proverbs 2:1-5: What we listen to should be to our betterment, healthier living, increase in good knowledge.
- Philippians 4:8: What we read, watch, listen to should be within the confines of these rules.
- 1 Peter 3:3-4, 1 Timothy 2:9-10: Not caught up in the fashions, strip off jewelry and makeup

How serious is it to fall back to the world? 2 Peter 2:20

- To be pulled out the world again is nearly impossible.

What gives away that worldliness is in us? 1 John 4:4-5

- When our conversation is on worldly things... movies, sports, nonsensical things.

What test reveals if we are worldly? John 15:19

- If we are accepted well be worldly people for worldly people care not for godly people

How do we overcome the world? 1 John 5:3-5

- Faith
- Being born again

What else is required to overcome? Romans 12:2

- Think completely differently
- Think is everything we see, listen to, do, acceptable or not before God

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