

PAUL'S FIRST EPISTLE TO THE CORINTHIANS

LEARNING HOW TO BE A HEAVENLY CHURCH IN A GODLESS WORLD

1 CORINTHIANS 5:9-13

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LIVING OUT THE WORD OF GOD

How To Be A Church That's Out Of This World

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The Bible is “God’s Word – It’s His Letter to Man”

Psalm 107:20

He sent His word and healed them, And delivered *them* from their destructions.

Genesis 1:1-3

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. **:2** And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. **:3 And God said,**

2 Timothy 3:14-17

For you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, :15 and that from childhood you have known the **Holy Scriptures**, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. :16 All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, :17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Hebrews 4:12

For **the word of God** is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Revelation 19:12-13

His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. :13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called **The Word of God**.

John 1:14

And **the Word** became flesh and dwelt among us...

LIVING OUT THE WORD OF GOD

WHAT MAKES YOU A TRUE BELIEVER

1.) Means that we're to be in this world

v.9-10

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1a.) But we're to be wise in this world

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This is God's call to us to be "Radicalized" for Jesus Christ
which should be our norm.

Sadly, in Christianity Today, Radical is considered new – it's the "true normal".

We need to look into the eyes of those we know who do not yet know Jesus, and with broken hearts, we need to see them more valuable and worth the effort to reach – *we must become rescuers!*

James 1:27

Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, *and* to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

John 8:31-32

Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “**If you abide** in My **word**, (*then*) you are My disciples indeed. **:32** And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

What’s Paul Saying Here?

To the world and all of its sin and lost condition, go rescue it and bring them to Christ.

As Christians We Need To Mature in the Word of God

The real Christian is never to be someone who judges and condemns **the unbelieving world**. That’s not our business nor our jurisdiction as Christians. Our calling is to tell the world the good news. Our business is living such awesome, loving and holy lives before an unbelieving world that they are brought to the place of having to consider Jesus Christ.

Likewise – That same Christian is always to be on guard and watchful against those things and people that would destroy, harm and devalue the word of the Lord in his own life, family, church & nation.

Micah 6:8

He has shown you, O man, what *is* good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?

Matthew 28:19-20

Go therefore and make disciples... :20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you;

WE’RE TO BE IN THE WORLD

1b.) But we’re to be different in this world

- :9** I wrote to you in my epistle not to keep company with sexually immoral people.
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We've all seen that decal that says '**Not of This World**'

Sounds kinda alien like - and that's right.

Acts 4:13

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And **they realized that they had been with Jesus.**

Let's Face It - We're Different.

John 17:14

I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. **:15** I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.

WE'RE TO BE IN THE WORLD

1c.) But we're to be strong in this world

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Sentiment, Emotionalism, and Sensitivity

sound good - but in reality they're all enemies of truth because they are tied to situational ethics..

Ephesians 3:16-18

May He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be **strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man**, **:17** that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, **:18** may be able to comprehend with all the saints what *is* the width and length and depth and height—

LIVING OUT THE WORD OF GOD

WHAT MAKES YOU A TRUE BELIEVER

2.) Means that we're not to be of this world

v.11

2a.) We are to be obedient to God's word

:11 But now I have written to you not to keep company **with anyone named a brother**, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner...

Can you imagine if we took a poll about this verse?

(there is an agenda afoot to vilify the Bible)

How Much of The Bible is Your Authority for Life?

Does it guide, direct and form your decisions and actions on a daily basis?

How Are We to Handle the Bible?
Like Those Who Followed the Lord Before us...

1 Peter 1:14-16

as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; :15 but as He who called you *is* holy, you also be holy in all *your* conduct, :16 because it is written, "*Be holy, for I am holy.*"

Leviticus 20:5

I will set my face against that man and his family and will cut off from their people both him and all who follow him in prostituting themselves to Molech. :6 "I will set my face against the person who turns to mediums and spiritists to prostitute himself by following them, and I will cut him off from his people. :7 "Consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am the LORD your God. :8 Keep my decrees and follow them. I am the LORD, who makes you holy.

2b.) We are to be intolerant of sinful acts

:11 But now I have written to you not to keep company **with anyone named a brother**, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner - - not even to eat with such a person.

We've all heard this saying:
"we're to love the sinner but hate their sin."
But what does that mean?

Proverbs 14:34

Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a **disgrace** to any people.

WE'RE NOT TO BE OF THE WORLD

2c.) We are to be uncomfortable with what God hates

:11 But now I have written to you not to keep company **with anyone named a brother**, who is **sexually immoral**, (*unbiblical sexuality*), or **covetous** (*greedy*), or an **idolater**, (*a worshiper of stuff*) or a **reviler** (*abusive language*), or a **drunkard**, (*a drunk*), or an **extortioner** (*dishonesty*)- - not even to eat with such a person.

Proverbs 6:16-19

There are six things the LORD hates, seven that are detestable to him: **:17** a proud attitude, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, **:18** a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, **:19** a false witness who pours out lies and a man who stirs up dissension among brothers.

Galatians 5:16-21

I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. **:17** For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. **:18** But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. **:19** Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, **:20** idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, **:21** envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

We're to Love what God loves & Hate what God hates

Why? - - Because Behind Every Human Being There is a Power @ Work.

Ephesians 6:12-13

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. **:13** Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

LIVING OUT THE WORD OF GOD

WHAT MAKES YOU A TRUE BELIEVER!

3.) Means that we're to be above this world

v.12-13

3a.) We're to leave the final judgment to God

:12a For what have I to do with judging those also who are outside?

:13a But those who are outside God judges!

The Moment You and I Say that we Know God -
that we know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior – ***We've willingly put ourselves out there for examination and discovery before the World.***

Yet Doing So is Necessary and Good for Every Christian Because
We are now representatives and ambassadors of His Kingdom.

2 Corinthians 5:20

Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us:

"Judging The World" – *we leave that to Him in the end. He will undo what evil has done.*

#1 - @ The Second Coming He will judge

Matthew 25:31-32

"When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. **:32** All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats.

#2 - @ the end of the millennium He will judge

Revelation 20:11-12

Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. **:12** And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their **works**, (*in the negative: their works will condemn them*) by the things which were written in the books.

#3 - @ the gathering of the Saints, He will judge

2 Timothy 4:1

I charge *you* therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom:

The Christian is Called to Discern (discover) and to Examine (test) all those who profess that they know God.

Matthew 7:13-18

“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide *is* the gate and broad *is* the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. :14 Because narrow *is* the gate and difficult *is* the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it. :15 “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. :16 You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? :17 Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. :18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor *can* a bad tree bear good fruit.

WE’RE TO BE ABOVE THIS WORLD

3b.) We’re to live like the people we are

:12b Do you not judge those who are **inside**? :13b Therefore “put away from yourselves the evil person.”


The Church is to Judge Itself, Among Itself.

When this happens – the church is purified and those who call themselves Christians but are **divisive** or **gossipers** or **whiners** are exposed. The sinning family member has the opportunity to humble themselves and repent or they are removed from fellowship.

The Bible Says:

Romans 16:17-18

Now I urge you, brethren, **note** those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. :18 For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple.

 **note skope**=w **skopeo**, *skop-eh'-o*; to take aim at or to put in your sights. To observe, watch out against, to protect against, to shadow or follow.

The Church is to be a Community unto Itself.

It's to be 100% dependant upon God for its existence and 100% biblically based in its conduct.

Philippians 3:20

For our citizenship (politick) is **in heaven, from which** (*with heavens perspective, worldview*) we also **eagerly wait** for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

Colossians 3:1-3

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. **:2** Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. **:3** For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

WE'RE TO BE ABOVE THIS WORLD

3c.) We're to love all with the love of God

:12 For what have I to do with judging those also who are outside? Do you not judge those who are inside? **:13** But those who are outside God judges. Therefore "put away from yourselves the evil person."

1 John 4:16-17

And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. **:17** Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

————— *End of Study* —————