

CHRISTIANS ARE TO BE SEPARATED PEOPLE

THEME: God's people are to be a separated people from this world's system.

TEXT: *John 17:16: They are not of the world, even as I [Jesus] am not of the world.*

2 Corinthians 6:17-18:

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¹⁸ And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.



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Acts 19:9: *But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus.*

Romans 12:2: *And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, Will of God.*

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Galatians 1:4: *Who [Jesus] gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the Will of God and our Father:*

Ephesians 5:11: *And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.*

2 Thessalonians 3:6: *Now we command you, brethren, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.*

2 Timothy 3:5: *Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.*

James 4:4: *Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.*

1 John 2:15-17:

¹⁵ *Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.*

¹⁶ *For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.*

¹⁷ *And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the Will of God abideth for ever.*



Hebrews 7:26: *For such an High Priest became us, Who is Holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the Heavens.*

WHY is GOD calling for believers to be SEPARATED from the world?

Namely, so that we should NOT BE PARTAKERS of their SINS. We are to be OUT of the sin business, as commanded by our Lord in:

John 5:14: *Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.*

John 8:11: *She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.*

John 8:31-36:

³¹ *Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on Him, If ye continue in*

My Word, then are ye My Disciples indeed;

³² And ye shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free.

³³ They answered Him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest Thou, Ye shall be made free?

³⁴ Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.

³⁵ And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever.

³⁶ If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

1 Corinthians 15:34: Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.

Romans 6:1-2:

¹ What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

² God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

Romans 6:6: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

Romans 6:12-18:

¹² Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.



¹³ Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of Righteousness unto God.

¹⁴ For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are NOT under the Law, but under Grace.

¹⁵ What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the Law, but under Grace? God forbid.

¹⁶ Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto Righteousness?

¹⁷ But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

¹⁸ Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of Righteousness.

Romans 6:22: But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end Everlasting Life.

THAT IS NOT ALL: We must get out of the sin-loving, sin-living, sin-condoning, sin-justifying business, or we will suffer sin's consequences.

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GOD'S PEOPLE, THE JEWISH NATION, WERE ALSO CALLED TO BE A SEPARATED PEOPLE.

SEPARATION from the world is no new doctrine. It is but a reminder of what has been often repeated throughout the Scriptures. It is the main reason why we do not have revivals today in our churches. So much worldliness has crept into our assemblies until it is hard to tell the church from the world. But, it never used to be that way. God's ministers have had to repeat God's call to separation throughout the centuries. In every generation, the complaints and opposition have been often like a storm.



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4 *And I heard another voice from Heaven, saying, Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.*

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The first to receive God's call to SEPARATION was Abraham.

Genesis 12:1: *Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:*



Genesis 46:31-34:

31 *And Joseph said unto his brethren, and unto his father's house, I will go up, and shew Pharaoh, and say unto him, My brethren, and my father's house, which were in the land of Canaan, are come unto me;*

32 *And the men are shepherds, for their trade hath been to feed cattle; and they have brought their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have.*

33 *And it shall come to pass, when Pharaoh shall call you, and shall say, What is your occupation?*

34 *That ye shall say, Thy servants' trade hath been about cattle from*

our youth even until now, both we, and also our fathers: that ye may dwell in the land of Goshen; for every shepherd is an abomination unto the Egyptians.

Exodus 8:22: *And I will sever in that day the land of Goshen, in which My People dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there; to the end thou mayest know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth.*

Exodus 12:38: *And a mixed multitude went up also with them; and flocks, and herds, even very much cattle.*



Exodus 23:33: *They shall not dwell in thy land, lest they make thee sin against Me: for if thou serve their gods, it will surely be a snare unto thee.*

Leviticus 20:24-26:

24 *But I have said unto you, Ye shall inherit their land, and I will give it unto you to possess it, a land that floweth with milk and honey: I am the LORD your God, which have separated you from other people.*

25 *Ye shall therefore put difference between clean beasts and unclean, and between unclean fowls and clean: and ye shall not make your souls abominable by beast, or by fowl, or by any manner of living thing that creepeth on the ground, which I have separated from you as unclean.*

26 *And ye shall be holy unto Me: for I the LORD am Holy, and have severed you from other people, that ye should be Mine.*

Exodus 33:16: *For wherein shall it be known here that I and Thy people have found grace in Thy sight? is it not in that Thou goest with us? so shall we be separated, I and Thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth.*

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Numbers 23:9: *For from the top of the rocks I see him, and from the hills I behold him: lo, the people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations.*

Deuteronomy 32:8: *When the Most High divided to the nations their*

inheritance, when He separated the sons of Adam, He set the bounds of the people according to the number of the Children of Israel.

Deuteronomy 33:28: *Israel then shall dwell in safety alone: the fountain of Jacob shall be upon a land of corn and wine; also his heavens shall drop down dew.*

Joshua 23:12: *Else if ye do in any wise go back, and cleave unto the remnant of these nations, even these that remain among you, and shall make marriages with them, and go in unto them, and they to you:*

1 Kings 8:53: *For Thou didst separate them from among all the people of the earth, to be Thine inheritance, as Thou spakest by the hand of Moses Thy servant, when Thou broughtest our fathers out of Egypt, O LORD God.*

Ezra 10:11: *Now therefore make confession unto the LORD God of your fathers, and do His pleasure: and separate yourselves from the people of the land, and from the strange wives.*

Nehemiah 9:2: *And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all strangers, and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers.*

Nehemiah 10:28: *And the rest of the people, the Priests, the Levites, the porters, the singers, the Nethinims, and all they that had separated themselves from the people of the lands unto the Law of God, their wives, their sons, and their daughters, every one having knowledge, and having understanding;*

Nehemiah 13:3: *Now it came to pass, when they had heard the Law, that they separated from Israel all the mixed multitude.*

Acts 19:9: *But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the Disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus.*

Acts 2:40: *And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.*

Romans 16:17: *Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have*

learned; and avoid them.

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1 Corinthians 6:15-16:

15 Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid.

16 What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith He, shall be one flesh.

1 Corinthians 7:39: *The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord.*

1 Corinthians 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.*

Ephesians 5:11-12:

11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

12 For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.

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1 Timothy 6:5: *Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the Truth, supposing that gain is Godliness: from such withdraw thyself.*

1 Timothy 3:5: *Having a form of godliness, but denying the*

power thereof: from such turn away.

2 John 10: *If there come any unto you, and bring not this Doctrine [Jesus Christ and Him Crucified], receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:*

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