



Living Upright In An Upside Down World

In or Out?
John 17:14-18
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I. Relationship to the World

A. Not of the World

B. In the World

C. Hated by the World

II. Jesus' Prayer for His Followers

A. Protection

B. Sanctified by Truth

C. Our Mission

I. Relationship to the World

A. Not of the World

Describe the change that happens to us when we accept Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord according to Galatians 2:20, 2 Corinthians 5:17 and Ephesians 4:22-24?

How is the word "world" used in John 17:14, 15, 16, and 18?

How does John 17:14 and 16 describe the Christian's relationship to the world?

B. In the World

John 17:18 suggests that Christians are still in the world. What is the danger of this?

How do Christians protect and insulate themselves from the world? What are the advantages of this and what are the drawbacks of this?

C. Hated by the World

What is the reaction of the world to Christians according to John 17:14?

Describe some ways that this hatred is manifested today.

How does Jesus describe this reaction in John 15:19?

II. Jesus' Prayer for His Followers

A. Protection

What is the prayer of Jesus in John 17:15? What does it mean to be *protected*?

Read Romans 5:3-4 and James 1:2-4. What happens when we persevere?

In John 17:15 Jesus prays that Christians would be protected from the Evil One. What do we, in particular, need to be protected from?

B. Sanctified by Truth

The word "sanctify" means *to dedicate* or *to set apart*. What does John 14:6 say about *truth*? What does John 8:31-32 say about *truth*? How does the truth set Christians apart?

How does the Word of God help us to know the truth? Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17

How does the Holy Spirit help us to know the truth in John 16:13?

Principles in Knowing How to Walk Upright in an Upside Down World

1. Is it addressed in God's Word? 2. Is it consistent with God's Word? 3. Does it cause my following of Jesus to grow or to be hindered and distracted? 4. Does it bring honour and glory to God?

What are the key factors in these principles? How do they help us choose the way to go?

C. Our Mission

How does John 17:18 communicate that we are more than just in the world?

What does it mean that Jesus sends us into the world? Who else was sent?

How does Ephesians 5:15-16 tell us we should act in the places Jesus has sent us?