

## **JOY IN THE WORLD**

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John 17:13-19

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### **INTRODUCTION: FITTING IN**

? Have you ever been some place and you weren't quite sure if you belonged.

We live, work and play in this world, but we don't belong to this world.

John 15:19, 27

#### **John 7:7**

The world...hates Me because I testify of it, that its deeds are evil.

So, the temptation for Christians is to diminish the awkwardness of not belonging. We might do this in several ways.

**Proposition:** God has given us His Word so that we could remain separate from the world and have fullness of joy.

### **I. I HAVE SENT THEM INTO THE WORLD, VV. 14-16, 18**

While Jesus was on earth, He had a mission.

John 8:12, 23-26

We have the same mission.

John 15:27; 2 Corinthians 5:16-20

### **World**

the system, structure, or order of humanity.

## **A. THEY ARE NOT OF THE WORLD**

Jesus came into the world.

John 3:31; 1:9, 10

We are born from above.

John 3:3, 7, 8; 17:6

Philippians 3:18-21; 1 Peter 2:9-11

## **B. THEY ARE HATED BY THE WORLD**

**Request:** Protect Them

Keep them from the evil one.

The evil one is Satan.

### **1 John 5:19**

We know that we are of God, and that the whole world lies in *the power of* the evil one.

He is called the God of this world.

2 Corinthians 4:4

Obviously, God owns the world and reigns over it.

### **Psalms 89:11**

The heavens are Yours, the earth also is Yours;  
The world and all it contains, You have founded them.

## II. I HAVE GIVEN THEM YOUR WORD, VV. 14, 17, 19

**Request:** Sanctify them in the truth

### **Ephesians 5:25, 26**

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,

### **Sanctify**

To set apart

## A. THE BIBLE IS WHAT GOD USES TO SANCTIFY PEOPLE

? How does that help?

## B. THE BIBLE IS THE STANDARD BY WHICH WE JUDGE REALITY

### 1. The World System Is False

- a. Shadow
- b. It says what is untrue

### 2. The Bible Is Truth

#### **True**

That which is factual or real, accurate or exact

#### **Truth**

The standard by which we judge what is factual or real

- a. It says what is true
- b. It defines reality

## C. TRUTH RESULTS IN JOY

### **Joy**

An abiding feeling of pleasure or satisfaction

? What is the joy that Jesus hopes we have?

1. My Joy

2. Complete Joy

Fullness of joy is found in knowing God.

Joy is the value you put on God.

### **John Piper**

Joy inherent in man is the deepest reverberation of God's glory. It is the deepest reverberation of the value you put on God.

## **CONCLUSION: NAVIGATING HOSTILE TERRAIN WITH JOY**

We are able to remain separate. We are able to be on mission.

We can have joy. We do it all by the word of God. That is the truth that speaks from outside our situation.

1 John 2:15-17

? Why do we try to mimic the world?

## **APPLICATION:**

May our lives reflect the answered prayer of Jesus:

Protected, separate, joyful