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#### TITLE:

Separation from the World (Introduction)

## TEXT:

Romans 12:1-2, 2 Corinthians 6:14-17, Ephesians 5:11, James 4:4, 1 John 2:15-16

Separation from the World is strongly emphasized throughout Scripture:

## Romans 12:1-2

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. [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.

 "be not conformed to this world" -(συσχηματίζω / soos-khay-mat-id'-zo) means not to conform to the same pattern of this world

## **2 Corinthians 6:14-17**

**Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers**: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? [15] And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? [16] And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them ; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. [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,

 "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers:" - (ἐτεροζυγέω / het-er-odzoog-eh'-o) means to come under an unequal or different yoke or to be united with unbelievers.



- Reasons Why?
  - for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness?
  - and what communion hath light with darkness?

- And what concord hath Christ with Belial?
- or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?
- And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols?
- Other commandments:
  - Wherefore come out from among them,
  - and be ye separate, saith the Lord,
  - and touch not the unclean thing ;

#### Ephesians 5:11

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

- "no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness" - (μή συγκοινωνέω / may soong-koy-no-neh'-o) means to share in company with barren deed of darkness.
- "but rather reprove them" (ἐλέγχω / eleng'-kho) means to tell a fault or to rebuke.

# <u>James 4:4</u>

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.

- "the friendship of the world" means affection with the world
- "enmity with God" opposition agains God.

#### 1 John 2:15-16

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.

- "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world" - (Love - ἀγαπάω / ag-ap-ah'-o - to love in a social or moral sense)
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  - and the lust of the eyes,
  - and the pride of life