



## **Title: Passing Through... This World is not my Home.**

*John 17:16*

*They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.*

Separation from the world is a key biblical principle that Apostolic believers uphold to maintain holiness and a closer relationship with God.

I want to talk about what it means to be separate from the world, why it is important, and how we can live in holiness while still being a light to those around them.

### **The Call to Separation**

*2 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."*

God calls His people to be distinct from worldly influences and practices.

Separation is not about physical isolation but a spiritual distinction in values, conduct, and mindset.

*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."*

Apostolic believers reject worldly conformity and embrace a transformed life in Christ.

### **Why Separation is Important. Holiness is a Command**

*1 Peter 1:15-16 – "But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy."*

Separation helps maintain holiness in thoughts, actions, and lifestyle.

### **Friendship with the World is Enmity with God**

*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."*

A close association with worldly values compromises our relationship with God.



## **We are the Temple of God**

*1 Corinthians 3:16-17 – "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are."*

Living a separated life protects our spiritual purity.

## **Practical Ways to Live a Separated Life**

### **Guarding Our Hearts and Minds**

*Philippians 4:8 – "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."*

Be mindful of what we watch, read, and listen to.

### **Dressing Modestly and Godly Conduct**

*1 Timothy 2:9-10 – "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works."*

Our outward appearance should reflect our inner holiness.

### **Avoiding Ungodly Associations**

*Psalms 1:1-2 – "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night."*

Choose friendships and relationships that strengthen faith rather than weaken it.

### **Being a Light to the World**

*Matthew 5:14-16 – "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."*



Even while being separate, we are called to shine as a witness for Christ.

**Conclusion:**

Separation from the world is not about legalism but about love for God and a desire to please Him.

As Apostolic believers, we live distinct lives in holiness while remaining a testimony of God's grace.

Let us commit ourselves to a lifestyle that honors God, avoiding worldly compromises and striving to reflect His light in everything we do.

Live a holy and separated life, fully devoted to God!