

# SEPARATE FROM THE WORLD!

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Being separate from an apostate world is more critical today than ever. God's Word will always be judge of everything we *say, do, and decide*. Things pass on—AV 1 Peter 1:25 “*But the word of the Lord endureth for ever.*” A *humble* spirit will allow the Word to *judge* our attitudes—but a *proud* spirit sets itself up in *judgment* against God's Word.

All too many people want God's Word to *mean* what *they* want it to mean—but AV Psalm 119:89 “*For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.*” Too many *go with the flow of the world*, instead of *living the way of the Word*—which includes bringing peace, extending forgiveness, sharing, caring, and helping whenever God gives us the opportunity.

God is *eternal*, and all the humans He *created* are eternal—we will all live *somewhere* forever after this brief life on earth. God has given the Truth of the Bible to the world, yet billions want to believe in something else. God cannot be *seen*, but His Word can be *read*—there is no excuse not to *know* and *live* God's Truth.

AV Joshua 1:8 “*This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein.*” We *meditate* on the Word to *renew* our mind to its truths!

Religious organizations today often use the kind of music in their *services* that the *world* uses in their *concerts*. Separating ourselves from the world means selecting music that praises the Lord

and does not feed the flesh. All music has rhythm, but it should always glorify God.

NLT Daniel 3:5 “*When you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipes [dulcimer AV], and other instruments, bow to the ground to worship King Nebuchadnezzar's gold statue. NKJV 6 "And whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.*” Nebuchadnezzar used music as the medium for people to worship a graven image—music *can* control people and their emotions.

Thousands of hours of music are streamed today on various mediums, and just as many listen to it—especially young people. Someone is going to win the battle for their minds and souls—the big question is *who*?

Much of today's music and even some Christian songs do not mention Jesus, the Cross, or other Bible concepts. Some lyrics could be sung to a friend with the same words. Such lyrics do not glorify God but remind the listener of the world's thoughts.

*Christian* music should sound different from *secular* music. Many try to *sound* like the world to *reach* the world, but that does not work. God's will on the matter is: AV Colossians 3:16 “*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*”

*Truth* is always the most important thing in music and in all other things—*doctrine* really matters. Music can have people let down their guard—and *that* is when false teaching can seep in. Our spiritual guard must be in place as the return of Christ comes ever closer.

Scripture is being fulfilled—AV 2 Timothy 4:3 “*For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 And*

*they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.*”

A believer cannot be *like* the world to *reach* the world, but to be *separate* from the world concerning the *words* they use; the *songs* they sing; the *clothes* they wear; and the *attitudes* they keep.

Satan is using some modern music to move people away from the Cross. Many would rather stand up for their *music* than stand strong on the *Word* of God.

A secular singer said that his music brings out the *beast*, not the *best*, in people. Even with some Christian groups, it seems that it has more to do with *selling* a CD than *praising* the Lord.

God gave us music, and we should always praise Him with it! AV Psalm 28:7 “*The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.*”

Music is meant to honor and glorify God's holy Name—and all believers will be doing that for an eternity—it is a good thing that we get in some practice now!

Music has the ability to stir the *emotions* and influence the *attitudes* of the listener. Christian artists sell Tee shirts, hats, wristbands, and sign autographs—which seems to glorify the *band* rather than the *Lord*. Trying to be *like* the world to *reach* the world has not worked before and will not work in these closing days.

The emerging [evolving] church movement is leading people in the wrong direction—they are more concerned about elevating *feelings* over *truth*. How one *feels* about something is more important than if something is *true*.

Just because someone *feels* that God would never allow such a place as Hell, does not mean there is *not* one! Truth becomes relative to the emerging church—so it just keeps *changing* with the times—but God's Word *cannot change* since *He* cannot change Malachi 3:6.

Nothing replaces a serious reading of the Bible and depending on the Holy Spirit to enlighten us to its meaning—always asking *how* these eternal truths apply to my life today.

The emergent church can easily get intertwined with a *social* gospel—helping people with everyday needs, which is good when done properly, but often downplaying the all-important *repentance, faith, and trust* on the Blood of Jesus.

Doing good things for others can make us *feel* good—but every soul needs to *know* the *Truth* first—before Jesus returns. Everyone will be crossing over to the other side someday, so everyone must be putting their trust on the Atonement Blood of Jesus *this* day to be sure they have a successful journey to the right place.

Many would like to send bottled water to impoverished areas—which is a good thing—but Jesus commands us AV Mark 16:15 “*Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.*”

What is truly needed is *living water*—the Holy Spirit within to empower and enlighten. The woman at the well is eternally grateful that Jesus gave her what *she* truly needed—the Holy Spirit within to inspire faith in Jesus.

He said to her AV John 4:10 “*If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.*”

The emerging church wants to unite with each other over *error*, rather than dividing *from* error to uphold *truth*—*truth* is always above *unity*. It is not surprising then that the church of *this century* does not look much like the church of the *first century*.

Some religious groups say that God is done with Israel because Israel rejected the Messiah, so they were cast aside. The promises for Israel, they say, have been given to the church, but God is not

done with Israel and He has brought them back to their homeland.

God just wants Israel to *repent, believe* in Jesus, and be *saved*. Every believer of every nation should want the *same!*

Some try to *blend* different religions together—calling it *Chrislam*—the mixing of Christianity with Islam. The only way that could happen is if the blended church group does *not* take the Cross of Christ seriously—since Islam teaches that Jesus did *not* die on the cross and He did *not* rise from the dead three days later. Those two religions are as far apart as it is possible to be.

Such beliefs would lead to false teaching—that there are many paths to Heaven—the Muslim path; the Hindu path; the Buddhist path; good deeds path, etc.—everyone ends up at the same destination—they say. The *truth* is that there is only *One* path but *two* destinations after this life! Only *one* path leads to the *right* destination!

Jesus is God, but Islam denies that in the Qur’an and says that Allah had no son. The truth then, leads back to the *deity of Christ*. Jesus clearly stated AV John 8:24 “*If ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.*” The two *religions* do not worship the same *God!*

The people of the Middle East want peace—thinking that if they can bring peace between these two major religions—the entire *region* will be at peace. But they cannot have *peace* without the true *Prince of Peace*—anything else is a counterfeit peace.

As the finish line approaches, Satan is working in a multitude of devious ways to deceive and defeat souls forever. If he cannot stop people from reading the Bible, then he will have them read a translation that has *errors* or *omissions*.

He knows that the closer he can move the *lie* next to the *truth*, the harder it is to detect the error. Some English Bibles have subtle changes and

omissions, but since it says *Bible* on the cover the reader thinks all are the same.

Some examples: Jesus tells us NIV Matthew 5:44 “*Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you*”—leaving out AV “*bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you;*” and also omitting “*which despitefully use you.*”

Jesus said NIV Matthew 9:13 “*I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners*”—omitting AV “*to repentance.*”

The apostle wrote 1 Corinthians 5:7 NIV “*Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed*”—but omitting AV “*for us*”. We have to *know* who the sacrifice was for—it was for *us!*

Jesus said NIV John 6:47 “*I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life*”—but the NIV omits “*on Me.*”

Trusting God for divine healing is an essential tenet of trust on the atoning sacrifice of Christ. Jesus appointed twelve disciples to preach the gospel and gave them NIV Mark 3:15 “*Authority to drive out demons,*” but some translations leave out, AV “*Power to heal sicknesses.*”

Therefore, in wanting to always be *separate from the world*, even some Bible translations are not helpful to us if they omit vital truths of *faith* and *trust* and *forgiveness*.

Jesus gave us this essential truth concerning forgiving everyone—AV Mark 11:26 “*But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.*”

In the NLT, NIV, and WEY translations that verse is omitted. To be *Separate from the world*—may mean getting another Bible—and comparing any later translation with the authorized version or Young’s Literal Bible!



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