

SEPARATION

1 Peter 2:9 But ye *are* a **chosen** generation, a **royal** priesthood, an **holy** nation, a **peculiar** people; that ye should shew forth the **praises** of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

2:10 Which in time past **were not a people**, but *are* now the **people of God**: which had not obtained mercy, but now have **obtained mercy**.

2:11 Dearly beloved, I beseech *you* as **strangers** and **pilgrims**, **abstain from fleshly lusts**, which war against the soul;

2:12 Having your **conversation honest** among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as **evildoers**, they may by *your good works*, which they shall behold, **glorify God** in the day of **visitation**.

Saved people are supposed to live differently than lost people.

- As Christians we are challenged to stay _____ of the dirtiness of the world.
 - James 1:27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and **to keep himself unspotted from the world**.
- As believers in Jesus Christ, we should be separate from _____.
 - **2 Corinthians 6:14** Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?
6:15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?
6:16 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.
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,
6:18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.
- As the _____ of God, we have been set apart for God's service.

- **1 Corinthians 1:2** Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are **sanctified** in Christ Jesus, called *to be* saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:
 - *Sanctified: "Made holy; consecrated; set apart for sacred services"*
- As the _____ of Jesus Christ, we belong to Him, and Him alone.
 - **Titus 2:14** Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and **purify unto himself a peculiar people**, zealous of **good works**.
 - *Peculiar: "Belonging to a person and to him only"*
 - **1 Corinthians 6:19** What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and **ye are not your own?**
6:20 For **ye are bought with a price**: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.
- As the children of God, we are commanded to be _____.
 - **1 Peter 1:14** As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:
1:15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so **be ye holy** in all manner of conversation;
1:16 Because it is written, **Be ye holy**; for I am holy.
 - **Deuteronomy 14:2** For thou *art* an **holy people** unto the LORD thy God, and the LORD hath chosen thee to be a **peculiar people unto himself**, above all the nations that *are* upon the earth.
 - *Holy: "Hallowed; consecrated or set apart to a sacred use, or to the service or worship of God; a sense frequent in Scripture; as the holy sabbath; holy oil; holy vessels; a holy nation; the holy temple; a holy priesthood"*
- God expects us to be holy in _____, not just in theory.
 - **Romans 12:1** 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.
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.
- As the _____ of Christ we are supposed to be separated.
 - **2 Corinthians 11:2** For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present *you as* a chaste virgin to Christ.
11:3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.
- As sinners who have been made righteous, we are to be different than the _____.

- **Psalm 1:1** 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.
1:2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.
1:3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.
- **1:4** The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.
1:5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
- **1:6** For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.
- As _____ of Christ, we are to be separated from the world.
 - **John 15:18** If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before *it hated you*.
15:19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but **I have chosen you out of the world**, therefore the world hateth you.
- As God's _____, we are to be separated from the world.
 - **Psalm 106:35** But were **mingled** among the heathen, and **learned** their works.
106:36 And they **served** their idols: which were a snare unto them.
106:37 Yea, they **sacrificed** their sons and their daughters unto devils,
106:38 And shed innocent blood, *even* the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan: and the land was polluted with blood.
106:39 Thus were they defiled with their own works, and went a whoring with their own inventions.
- As Christian _____, we need to be separated from the influences of the world so that our children grow up to love and serve God.
 - **Psalm 144:11** Rid me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children, whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand *is* a right hand of falsehood:
144:12 That our sons *may be* as plants grown up in their youth; *that* our daughters *may be* as corner stones, polished *after* the similitude of a palace:
 - **1 Corinthians 15:33** Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.
- As _____ of God, we are instructed not to remove the markers that separate us from the world.
 - **Deuteronomy 19:14** Thou shalt not remove thy neighbour's landmark, which they of old time have set in thine inheritance, which thou shalt inherit in the land that the LORD thy God giveth thee to possess it.

A SEPARATED CHURCH

- As a church we must stay separated from the world.
- We will not use sinful methods to try to bring honor to God.
- We will not use the world's music that emphasizes rhythm over melody and harmony.
- We will not use the world's sexual styles of breathy whispers and moans to sing spiritual songs and hymns.
- We will not use Rock music, whether it is called Christian or not.
- We will not change our auditorium to look like a worldly concert stage in order to attract more people.
- We will not copy the methods of successful churches that are moving closer to the sinful practices of the world.
- We will not unite with churches that teach any other way of salvation outside of Jesus Christ.
- We will not be part of "Christian" movements that don't believe the fundamentals of the faith.
- We will not bring in preachers, teachers, or musicians who will influence us toward a worldly approach to ministry.
- We will not attend events at churches with rock music, other bible versions, women preachers, immodest performers, or compromised doctrines.
- We will not teach Bible studies written by those who add to or take away from the Scriptures – either by changing the doctrines of the Bible or by changing the words of the Bible.
- We will only use the King James Version of the Bible even though it is not a popular position among Christians.
- We will not use Bible studies that quote any version besides the King James Version.
- We will teach and preach the biblical clothing principles of modesty, gender distinction, and appropriateness.
- We will not try to reach the world by looking like the world, acting like the world, sounding like the world, talking like the world, or entertaining like the world.