

The Unsaved World

"As a Christian, How Do You Relate To the Unsaved World?"



LESSON 19

This lesson is designed to help you see the salvation needs of people in the world around you. You will also learn how to live properly in this world without being a part of it.

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INTRODUCTION

After becoming a Christian, we quickly discover that there are some who do not understand the decision we have made to trust Christ and live for Him. In fact, some may ridicule or oppose us as we seek to live a life that glorifies God.

Jesus taught his disciples this truth:

"If you belonged to the world, the world would love its own; but because you do not belong to the world, and I have chosen you out of the world, the world hates you." John 15:19

As we study our Bible and seek to live out our faith, we soon learn that the world does not understand true Bible Christianity, neither is it the friend of God. The only way the people of this world will ever understand true Bible Christianity is by seeing it portrayed in the life of a Christian. Thus, it is important that while we live in the world, we do not live like the world.

As we study the principles in this lesson, we should realize how important it is to live godly and to do all we can to reach as many people as possible with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

THE CHALLENGE TO LOVE GOD ABOVE ALL ELSE

- 1. Read I John 2:15-17 and answer the following questions:
 - a. According to verse 15, what are you told not to love?
 - b. From verse 16, why are you not to love the world?
 - c. From verse 17, what will happen to all the things of this world?
 - d. What promise is given in verse 17?
- 2. Read Colossians 3:1-2
 - a. What does verse 2 teach you to do as a Christian?
 - b. Briefly explain what you think it means to "set your mind on things above"?

3. What does Mark 12:30 say is your priority in life?

Jesus Christ should be our first and chief love in our life. If He is, then we will love the right things while we live in this world. The world will do all it can to keep us from loving God as we ought.

THE CONTRAST BETWEEN THE CHRISTIAN AND THE WORLD

- 1. Read John 17:6-26
 - a. Did Jesus consider himself to be a part of the world?

Yes or No

b. What was the prayer of Jesus in verse 5?

- c. According to verse 21-23, why has Jesus Christ left you in the world?
- 2. Read Ephesians 2:1-2
 - a. What was the path you walked prior to your salvation?
 - b. Who is the "prince of the power of the air"?
 - c. According to verse 3, what controls the conduct of people in the world?
- 3. Read II Corinthians 5:17-21.
 - a. According to verse 17, what took place in your life when you trusted Christ?

- b. In verse 19, what does Christ want to reconcile to Himself?
- c. What ministry has God given to you as a Christian in verse 19-20?

4. According to II Corinthians 5:14-15, what should control the life of a Christian?

CONTRAST

The World

The Christian

Self Fulfill Desires Satan Enjoy Life Philosophy Purpose Power Plan Bible Glorify God God Evangelize the World

THE COMMISSION TO EVANGELIZE THE WORLD

- 1. What does Matthew 28:19-20 command you to do as a Christian?
- 2. According to Mark 16:15, where are you to proclaim the Gospel?
- 3. Acts 1:8 challenges you to do what?

- 4. Read John 3:16-17
 - a. Who does Christ love?
 - b. Why did Christ die?

c. What happens when a person does not receive Christ as Savior?

After studying these passages, we see the responsibility given to Christians to evangelize the world. This responsibility is why our church has an evangelism/discipleship ministry. This responsibility is also why our church sends out missionaries and starts new churches. WE EXIST TO EVANGELIZE.

- 5. Look at some of the evangelistic efforts from the book of Acts.
 - a. Acts 2:40-47
 - b. Acts 4:1-4
 - c. Acts 5:12-16
 - d. Acts 16:25-34
 - e. Acts 17:22-34

CONCLUSIONS

Summary of truths:

- 1. We live in the world, but should not live like world.
- 2. Our challenge is to love God instead of the things of this world.
- 3. Our responsibility is to proclaim the Gospel to the people of this world.
- 4. Our ministry is to develop our life so that by our walk and talk, others will see and hear Christ in us.

Application

As you complete this lesson, stop and ponder for a moment and then write down one thought that stands out in your mind.





Write down any questions you may have regarding this lesson.