

We Are Not of the World, Even as Jesus is Not of the World

John 17:14-17KJV I have given them Thy Word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.[15] I pray not that Thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldest keep them from the evil. [16] They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. [17] Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy Word is truth.

Jesus came to die for our sins and to teach us what His Father taught Him. Notice that He said in verse 14, I have given them Thy Word, and the world hated them. When we receive the Word of God and start living and believing differently than the world, it will cause us to be targeted by people that are controlled by the devil. Now these people are not our enemies, they are just puppets of the devil. We must love the people, but hate the devil.

I remember back when I first received Jesus. I went to my workplace and told them I was a Christian. I told them I was going to live differently, and I that I needed their help. I said, "If I curse, get on my case! I want to live right." Well, they did get on me when I did wrong, but they also persecuted me for doing right. As I read my Bible on break, I became the joke of the break. Now, many of those same people that made fun of me back then, respect me and give me honor today. The reason I was ridiculed back then was because I was determined to read the Bible, believe it and do it. We will be hated of the world, if we believe and do the Word of God. Our lives will bring conviction to people that are living the devil's life.

Let me give you an example of how this works. Some people in the world do not believe that babies are babies in the womb of a mother; they think that they are fetuses or just some piece of tissue. If they would read and believe the Bible, they couldn't have that belief.

Psalms 139:13-18 NCV You made my whole being; You formed me in my mother's body. [14] I praise You because You made me in an amazing and wonderful way. What You have done is wonderful. I know this very well. [15] You saw my bones being formed as I took shape in my mother's body. When I was put together there, [16] You saw my body as it was formed. All the days planned for me were written in Your book before I was one day old. [17] God, Your thoughts are precious to me. They are so many! [18] If I could count them, they would be more than all the grains of sand. When I wake up, I am still with You.

Jeremiah 1:5 NCV "Before I made you in your mother's womb, I chose you. Before you were born, I set you apart for a special work. I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

God says that He formed us in the womb. So the world that believes in abortion, does not understand God.

If you have had an abortion, or if you have encouraged someone else to have one, God wants you to know that He loves you. When we receive Jesus, our sins are removed from us by His blood. Jesus died for our sins, so we can be forgiven.

God wants us to know that all the babies that have been aborted are with Him in Heaven. He has been taking good care of them.

If you read and believe the Bible, it will change your way of thinking and living; which can cause others to not like you as they did before you received Christ. If you will keep on loving them, you can win many over to the Lord. Remember, they just don't know any better; because they have been trained by this world's god, who is the devil.

Love you,

Pastor Paul