

Where is Your Heart?

Colossians 3:1-4
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- Our affection, our total heart should be set upon Christ. Why is this?

Christ has delivered us from our _____ identity. vs. 1, 3

- All of us were at one time part of Satan's kingdom of _____. The Bible refers to this as "the _____."
- *"In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."* **2 Corinthians 4:4**
- This Satanic world system is racing towards _____ and condemnation.
1 John 2:15-17; 2 Peter 3:10; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9
- The spirit of Satan's world system was working in us. Our identity was **of this world**.
- *"Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience."* **Ephesians 2:2**

- The moment we trusted Christ to save us, God's Spirit placed us into Christ and _____ us from this world system and the wrath to come.

**Christ has provided for us a _____ position.
vs. 3-4**

- The spirit of this world was operative **in us** before salvation, but now the Spirit that raised up Jesus from the dead is _____ **in us**. Romans 6:11, 8:11
- *"Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God."* **1 Corinthians 2:12**
- Through His atoning _____, the sin issue was dealt with in your life and you were forgiven and cleansed and died to this world system (Satan's kingdom). Colossians 1:14
- But through His resurrection, God has placed His _____ in you and raised you up to dwell in a new heavenly kingdom (Christ's kingdom).

**Christ has insured for us a glorious _____.
vs. 4**

- We are not _____ of this kingdom. Our inheritance lies in the heavenly kingdom of Jesus Christ.
- Satan wants to capture your _____ (your affection) with the pleasures his worldly kingdom can offer you.
- Will you decide that your #1 desire will be to set your affection on Christ?

How to Make an Impact in a Wicked World - Part I

- At the moment of salvation a complete identity change occurred in you.
 - You are now no longer part of this _____ system (Satan's kingdom).
 - You have been translated out of the kingdom of _____ and into the kingdom of Jesus Christ.
- *"Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son."* **Colossians 1:13**
- *"Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father."* **Galatians 1:4**
- You were left in this world system so that you could impact other people for Jesus Christ.
- How can you fulfill this calling?

By zealously proclaiming the _____.
Romans 1:16

- The gospel is full of divine power, but God knows and Satan knows that if there is nobody to carry it to the lost, it cannot _____ one life.
Romans 10:13-14

- Satan wants to intimidate you to keep your _____ shut about the gospel.
- *“And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.”*
Ephesians 6:19-20

**By renewing your _____ through God’s Word.
Romans 12:2**

- God knows you can’t be an effective ambassador if you _____ like the world thinks.
- You need a renewed mind which leads to a transformed life.
- How do you get a renewed (renovated) mind? Through the _____ of God’s Word.
- *“For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.”*
1 Thessalonians 2:13
- How does Satan corrupt your mind? He must continually seek to indoctrinate you in the world’s way of _____.

God left you in this world system for a reason. That reason is so you can be a _____ and help bring other people out of the darkness of Satan’s world system.

How to Make an Impact in a Wicked World - Part 2

- *“Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.”*
1 Corinthians 2:12
- *“Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.”* **Colossians 1:13**
- *“Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father.”* **Galatians 1:4**
- You were left in this world system so that you could impact other people for Jesus Christ.
- How can you fulfill this calling?

By zealously proclaiming the gospel.

By renewing your mind through God’s Word.

By separating from this _____ system.

- This world system is racing towards judgment and condemnation, and God’s call is to “_____.”
2 Corinthians 6:14-18

- We are not to seek the _____ pleasures and passions of this world.
- *“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.
For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.” 1 John 2:15-16*
- The way we make a difference in this world is by the world seeing a clear difference _____ us.
- *“Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.
And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.” Ephesians 5:10-11*
- Satan’s goal is to indoctrinate you and integrate you so much into his world system that you are a _____-factor.
- The way to impact this wicked world is to separate, come out, and be distinctly _____. At the same time, we must preach and teach the _____ of Jesus Christ with love and grace.
- As believers do this, lives will be genuinely _____ as they view your godly life coupled with the message of the gospel.

The High Cost of Worldly Thinking

Genesis 13-19

- *“And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;
And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:
(For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds.)”*

2 Peter 2:6-8

**Worldly thinking will lead you places you
never _____ to go.**

Genesis 13:12-13, 14:12

- Lot had a secret _____ in his heart for the world. Did he think it would ever lead him to a place like Sodom?
- *“Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.”* **Jude 7**

Worldly thinking will callous your _____ towards sin. Genesis 19:5-8

- *“Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.”*
James 1:15

Worldly thinking brings a shattered _____. Genesis 19:12-14

- Lot was a hypocrite. He _____ the Lord, but he _____ the world. His verbal testimony meant nothing because his living testimony was so worldly.

Worldly thinking _____ those closest to you. Genesis 19:24, 26, 31-32

- Lot took his daughters away from the world to a cave, but he couldn't get the worldly thinking out of their _____.
- What a lesson for parents!

Worldly thinking brings irreparable _____.

- So many times, our worldly decisions and worldly actions bring tragic consequences that can _____ be undone.

The saddest thing about this story is the fact that _____ on the earth had more opportunity to know God than Lot and his wife.

Standing Strong in This Present Evil World

2 Timothy 2

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- God desires for you to possess a fervent attitude about your Christian life and ministry.
- God doesn't want you to just **accept** His grace, but **stand strong** in His grace. How can you do this?

_____ your life in people. vs. 2

- You _____ lives from a distance, but you _____ them up close.
- One of the primary reasons that we don't invest more time in people is because we are so consumed with the things of this _____.

_____ your life for God's service.

vs. 3-4

- *"But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content."*

1 Timothy 6:6-8

- This world is not our _____. We are soldiers in a battle with Satan for the souls of men and women.

- Don't complicate your life by allowing the world's attractions and possessions to _____ you.

_____ **your life on God's Word. vs. 15**

- A _____ for this world will quench your desire for God's Word.
- *"He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful."* **Matthew 13:22**

**Prepare your _____ for the Master's use.
vs. 20-22**

- We flee from the sinful lusts and passions of this present _____.
- But we then store up the sound doctrine of God's Word in our _____ and apply it to the details of our _____.



The Christian's Response to Government & Society

R o m a n s 13

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- While Christians are not _____ this world (we belong to Christ's heavenly kingdom), we do live _____ this world (temporarily).
- What should be our response to government and society? Romans 13 teaches us very clearly.

We should respond with a _____ attitude towards authority. vs. 1-7

- This passage teaches us clearly what civil government's responsibilities are:
 - It is to preserve _____. vs. 3
 - It is to promote _____. vs. 4
 - It is to provide _____. vs. 6-7
- The concept of governmental authority originates from _____. vs. 1-2
- What should be the Christian's response to government? Paul says that we should have an attitude of subjection. vs. 1, 5
- *"Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work."* **Titus 3:1**

- Paul wasn't trying to lead a revolution and take over _____ structures.
- What was he doing? He was preaching the _____ of Jesus Christ. The gospel of Christ impacts by purifying the hearts of the people _____ power structures and culture.

We should respond with true _____ . vs. 8-10

- Believers, indwelt by God's Spirit, should not need a governmental _____ to force us to show forth a loving attitude. We should love instinctively because we have experienced and understand _____ love.
1 John 4:7-13
- Do you want to love people and have a right attitude towards them? The best way to do this is to _____ for them. 1 Timothy 2:1-2

We should respond by showing forth Christ in our daily _____. vs. 11-14

- If you are saved today, you have been placed **in Christ** and He lives **in you**. God's desire is for you to live _____ who God has made you in Christ. This is what He means in verse 14, "*...put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ.*"
- As we refuse fleshly lusts, allow Christ to live through us, and proclaim the gospel in love, we demonstrate to this world of darkness the transforming power of God's _____.
- Our lives and attitudes should reflect the _____ and victory we have in Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:57