

## **Living For God in a Devil's World!**

We must love the sinner but hate the sin. As the world becomes more perverse, we have the responsibility to keep ourselves pure through the power of the Holy Ghost and the Word of God. Let's read in John what Jesus prayed on this subject.

**John 17:15-18 KJV** 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. [18] As Thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

I want to share with you some things the Lord spoke about with me this last week. It seems like many people in the secular world want Christians to say that the sin the world is doing is ok. They want us to condone it when the Bible says it is wrong. If we don't say that their sin is ok, then they say we are haters. This is a trick of the devil to try to get the Church to go to war with the world. How can we win the world to Jesus if we are at war with them?

Let me give you an example. In our modern day, sexual sin has become socially accepted. It seems like morality has gone out the window. When I was growing up if a man and woman lived together and were not married it was completely unacceptable! Today many Christians and non-Christians think this is ok. Also when I was growing up, if you committed adultery, you could lose all your rights to property and, in some cases, even custody of your children. The sin of homosexuality was not allowed at all! It was looked at as perversion. Some states had laws on the books that made it illegal to practice this sin.

In the last 50 years, what God calls sin has become socially acceptable. If a Christian brings up these life styles as being wrong, they are labeled as haters of people. I'm going to show you Bible verses that tell us that God looks at these actions as sin. Then I'll give you what our response should be to the people that commit these acts.

**Galatians 5:19 KJV** Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these ; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

**Romans 1:26-27 NCV** Because people did those things, God left them and let them do the shameful things they wanted to do. Women stopped having natural sex and started having sex with other women. [27] In the same way, men stopped having natural sex and began wanting each other. Men did shameful things with other men, and in their bodies they received the punishment for those wrongs.

**Leviticus 18:20,22-23 NCV** [20] You must not have sexual relations with your neighbor's wife and make yourself unclean with her. [22] You must not have sexual relations with a man as you would a woman. That is a hateful sin.[23] You must not have sexual relations with an animal and make yourself unclean with it. Also a woman must not have sexual relations with an animal; it is not natural.

Now remember, we cannot win the world to Jesus if we are at war with them. Satan wants us to get into arguments with people in the world over their right to sin. This might shock you, but I believe that God gives people that are not Christians the right to sin. Look at what happened in the Garden of Eden. God gave Adam and Eve the right to choose. They ate the fruit, and they payed the consequences. God had said, "if you eat of this tree, you will die."

For me to try to force a non-Christian to stop committing sin would be going against

God. God gives everyone the right to choose. But with those choices come consequences. Now once we've received Jesus as our Savior, we're not our own. Jesus purchased us with His blood, and we don't have the right to do whatever we want. We have to be bold when someone in the world wants us to agree that their lifestyle of sin is ok. We must politely let them know that they should read the Bible on that subject and ask God if it is ok. We should tell them that we have accepted Jesus and are reading the Bible to find out what God wants us to do. Most people in the world will respect us, even if they do not agree with us. Remember we are not sent to the world to go to war with them. We are here to preach Jesus to them so they can be saved. Don't forget -- love the sinner, but hate the sin.

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Also, the more wicked the world becomes, the more we must teach our children what is right and wrong according to what the Bible says. Keep them protected by the words of Jesus!

Love you,  
Pastor Paul

**2 Timothy 2:23-26 KJV** [23] But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes.

[24] And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,

[25] In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; [26] And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

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#### This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Monday	Luke chapter 6
Tuesday	Luke chapter 7
Wednesday	Luke chapter 8
Thursday	Luke chapter 9
Friday	Luke chapter 10
Saturday	Luke chapter 11
Sunday	Luke chapter 12

#### \*Upcoming Events

1. Women's Dance Aerobics: Mon, Wed, & Thur 10-11am; Fri 9:30-10:30
2. Mobile Prayer: Fridays 1:30-3pm in Sam's Warehouse Parking Lot
3. Noonday Bible Study: Now live on KJRF 91.1fm & streaming live on TCC app. 12:15-1pm Mon-Fr
5. Baptisms: Sunday at end of Services
6. No Sunday School or Children's Church this Sunday, 11-15-20. See you at the Main Service at 10:45 am
7. No Wednesday evening service this Wednesday 11-18-20
8. Horse Ministry Saturday 10am-1pm

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\*\* Here is a list of the many gatherings we have for you to get together and fellowship with your brothers and sisters. Please take advantage of them, and you will bless yourself and others also.

Sundays \* Prayer: 9am Lee side entrance \* Fellowship in Café 9:15-9:45 am. \*  
Services 10:45 am

Adult, Youth, and Children classes 9:45-10:30 am

Faith Class: -----Michael Whitley

Foundation 1 Class: ---Pastor Paul

Foundation 2 Class: ---Mike Wiggins

Healing Class: -----Lester/Monica Witherspoon

Marriage Class:-----Danny/Demetrius Williams

Prayer Class: -----Joe Cunningham

Children's Sunday School: 6 months - 5th grade

Youth Services: -----Lucas/Cyndi Moore

Young Singles/College & Career-Eliav/Kim Nash

Daily \* Early Morning Prayer in Sanctuary: Monday-Friday 6:15-7:15am

\* Noonday Bible Study: Mon-Fri 12:15 in Sanctuary OR 91.1fm OR live

stream on TCC app

\* Women's Dance Aerobics: Mon-Thur 10-11am; Fri 9:30-10:30 in  
the Gym

Weekly \* Adult, Youth & Children Services: Sunday 9:45 & 10:45 am; Wednesday  
night 7pm

\* Mobile Prayer: Fridays 1:30-3pm in Sam's Warehouse

Parking Lot

Monthly \* Men's Meeting: 9am 1st Saturday of each month at Golden

Corral

\* Crosses at the Corner: 12-1pm 1st Saturday at corner of Sheridan

and Cache Rd.

\* Women's Meeting: 9am 2nd Saturday of each month

\* Horse Ministry: 10am-1pm 3rd Saturday of each month