

Christian, You Are Not of This World!

We are not of this world; therefore the god of this world, the devil, has no power over us.

1 John 4:4-5 KJV Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world. [5] They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 KJV But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: [4] 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.

The devil wants us to be so connected to this secular world that we lose our real identity in Christ and the Church. When the devil was tempting Jesus, he said, "If Thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread" **Matthew 4:3 KJV**

Notice the devil said, "**if** thou be the Son of God". He knew Jesus was the Son of God, but he was trying to get Jesus to doubt it. He does the same thing with us. We are not just mere men and women! We are children of the Most High God! The more we know our spiritual identity, the more we will live out who we are in Jesus. Before He went to the cross, Jesus prayed to His Father...

John 17:9-10, 14-18 KJV I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which Thou hast given Me; for they are Thine. [10] And all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine; and I am glorified in them....[14] 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. [18] As Thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

Jesus said that we are not of this world. The devil, who is the god of this world, is trying to get us so connected to the world that we lose our identity in Christ. You know that there are many natural identifications that we have embraced, and they have caused us to lose a lot of our Biblical identity. Saying 'I am an American', is true in the natural; but in the spirit, I am of God's family and Kingdom. I'm this race or that, is true in the natural; but God has made us His children out of all races.

The devil does not want us to see who and what we are in the spirit, because he knows we will not be under his power anymore. The devil is the god of this world, and he wants to rule us. If we don't move from natural identity to our spiritual identity, he will do that very thing. Study the Bible to find out who God is, who you are as His child, who the angels are, and who the devil is. Get your identity from the Bible, and God's power will come on you to accomplish what He has called you to accomplish.

So I end this Newsletter with this thought in mind; It took a long time for you to identify with just your natural life. As you learn to identify with your spiritual life, don't get

discouraged if you don't get free quickly. If you fall down, get up and go again. Read your Confession Booklet as much as possible, and it will help.

Love you,
Pastor Paul