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“The Light of the World”

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What does Jesus call His people?

1 Peter 2:9,10 “But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: 10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.”

Read also Deuteronomy 14:2; Deuteronomy 26:18,19.

Write the Bible Answer:

In our day there are many who profess to be Christians, but their life is formed after the mold of the world. They are covetous, adulterers, and they “follow the multitude to do evil”. What the world watches, they watch; how the world dresses, they dress. The distinct light they are to be is thus lost. But God calls his people a *peculiar* people. *Peculiar* in the Hebrew means “valued property” or a “jewel”. The church is the valued property of God and is to be separate from the rubbish of the world.

What does the Bible say about being totally separate from the sinful practices of the world?

Romans 12:2 “And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”

Read also John 17:15-17.

Write the Bible Answer:

Conformed means to “conform to the same pattern”- *Strong’s Greek Dictionary*. God tells us not to pattern our lives after the world (the ungodly multitude of the earth).

Can we love the Lord and worldliness?

Read all the following text: 1 Corinthians 10:21,22; 1 John 2:15,16; James 4:4.

Write the Bible Answer:

There can be no mixing. Love the Lord with all your heart, with all your soul, and mind; or love worldliness. If someone loves worldliness, he cannot truly love God and he is considered an enemy of God.

What does the Bible say about character transformation?

Read all the following text: Ephesians 4:22-25; Colossians 3:10; Ezekiel 18:30-32; Ezekiel 36:25-27.

Write the Bible Answer:

When you repent and turn to Christ, He will give you a new mind and spirit and will separate you from the mold of the world, and will transform you to the perfect image of God. The sinful things that were done before have to be put away, Christ has cleansed you, and when this is done you become a new man! “Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” 2 Corinthians 5:17

What type of life does God call us to live?

1 Peter 1:15,16 “But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; 16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.”

Read also 1 John 2:6; Matthew 5:48; 2 Corinthians 7:1; 1 Timothy 6:11,12.

Write the Bible Answer:

We are to live a holy and blameless life, holding forth the word of life as lights in the midst of a crooked and perverse world. We are told to be holy in all manner of conversation which means behavior. We are to walk even as Jesus walked. What does this mean? Christ, while on earth, left an example of a character of holiness and purity. His character is to be the pattern of all who believe in Him. The word “Christian” means a follower of Christ. In short we are to have the character of Christ.

How can we have this character? As we are faithful to God, allowing Him to work His will in us, studying His word, and abiding in Him and He in us, Christ’s character will be made manifest in our lives. We will learn how to live a holy life through He “who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.” Titus 2:14.

How are Christians to conduct themselves in the midst of a crooked and perverse world?

Read all the following text: Philippians 2:15,16; Titus 2:10-14; 1 Peter 2:12.

Write the Bible Answer:

You are to live holy, blameless lives in the midst of this perverse world. God’s grace that offers salvation to all the world teaches us that we must deny ungodliness and live soberly (not physically nor spiritually drunk on the things of the world), righteously, and godly even in this present world.

How is the Christian’s speech to be like?

Read all the following text: 1 Peter 2:21-23; Titus 2:7,8; Colossians 3:8,9.

Write the Bible Answer:

The speech of the world is vile, full of guile, gossip, cursing, swearing, reviling, threatenings, etc. When you give your life to Christ you then live a new life in God, old things are passed away, behold all things become new.

At one time your speech was of the world, but now that has passed away. The speech of the followers of Christ is to be sound speech that cannot be condemned. In the Greek *sound* means whole and healthy. When someone's speech is vile and full of cursing, their speech is limited. But, when someone talks after the way of Christ—speech that cannot be condemned—their speech will be whole and healthy, a savor of life unto life.

What is the urgent appeal for us knowing we are in the end of time?

Read 2 Peter 3:11-14.

Write the Bible Answer:

Conversation simply means behavior. The end is at hand, all the things of the world will soon be dissolved, seeing this the appeal is again made to live holy lives in Christ. We are to be without spot, “hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.” James 1:23.

What are some practical Biblical examples of the works of the flesh?

Read Galatians 5:19-21.

Write the Bible Answer:

These are the works of the flesh which are sin—transgression of God's Law.

What is the fruit of the Spirit?

Galatians 5:22-25 “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. 24 And they that are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”

Write the Bible Answer:

The fruit of the spirit is much happier than the works of the flesh. Its fruits are joy, peace, gentleness, goodness, and faith which will make society much happier!

What are the Bible principles that should guide what we do, say, watch, or listen to?

Philippians 4:8 “Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things *are* honest, whatsoever things *are* just, whatsoever things *are* pure, whatsoever things *are* lovely, whatsoever things *are* of good report; if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, think on these things.”

Read also Psalms 101:3; Ephesians 5:11; 1 Corinthians 10:31.

Write the Bible Answer:

Whatever you think, do, say, or listen should be in unity with the Bible standard. If it is not true, honest, just, pure, lovely of good report or have any virtue, it must be cut off. The worldly movies and worldly music such as rap, hip hop, rock, jazz and R&B promote all of the things God hates. So can I, professing to be a Christian, love these things? Absolutely not, for if we love the things of the world we become an enemy of God.

What about your time? Your time belongs to God. How does God feel when you watch ungodly things that will prove detrimental to your soul?

Idleness leads to sin. (Read Ezekiel 16:49). Is God pleased when you sit in front of the TV or video screen for hours wasting God's time? When you give time in watching or listening to sinful things, the devil is gaining a strong foothold in your life. Thus many are held in the captivity of Satan. We must let these things go, and constantly look to Christ!

The Bible Brain Challenge

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What does God want us to become?

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