

Philippians 2:1-11
“Let This Mind Be in You”
The Believers Relationship to/in the World

Background Scriptures: *For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but the world through Him might be saved. And if any man hear My Words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.*
[John 3:17; John 12:47]

Note: A fundamental characteristic of the wicked is that they love darkness, i.e., they find pleasure in sin and immorality. On the other hand, truly born-again persons love righteousness and hate wickedness (**Hebrews 1:9**), and are grieved when they see unrighteous deeds of depraved people (**I Corinthians 13:6**). They take no pleasure in the sensual entertainment or the expression of sinful conduct shown so openly in contemporary society.

The Mind of Christ vs. Love for the World

[I John 2:15-17]: 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 this 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. And the world passes away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abides forever.

Believers must be reminded to be careful not to allow the world to influence us

As children of the light, we are examples of that light (Jesus Christ)

Believers are Ambassadors of God’s heavenly Kingdom both now and to come

Every born-again Spirit filled believer is a threat to the kingdom of darkness

Every born-again Spirit filled believer is chosen and ordained to bring forth fruit

Lesson Scriptures
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Final Thought: *I pray not that Thou should take them out of the world, but that Thou should keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.* **[John 17:15-16]**