

Bible Study
Living for God, Not the World – Continued – Lesson - 6
Pastor Charles A. Hall – May 18, 2023

Theme: Living for God, Not the World

“Living for God, Not the World” means that we as true Christians and believers of Jesus Christ no longer place our own selfish desires, needs, and wants above our relationship with God, making God’s desires and will a priority in our life. This means that what God wants for us, always supersedes, what we want for ourselves in any area of our life.

Foundational scriptures for our theme:

2 Corinthians 6:17 WHEREFORE COME OUT FROM AMONG THEM, AND BE YE SEPARATE, SAITH the LORD, AND TOUCH NOT THE UNCLEAN THING; AND I WILL RECEIVE YOU,

1 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,. (16) 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. (17) And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

In March we adopted the theme of “Living for God, not the world” and since that date we have broken this theme into 5 lessons which are listed below:

Prior Lessons:

- Lesson #1 Living for God not the world
- Lesson # 2 How do we live for God, how do we stop living for the world, and why is it so difficult to live for God.
- Lesson #3 The difficulties and challenges of living for God
- Lesson # 4 The Struggle Within
- Lesson # 5 The Influence Without

Living Spiritually

This week we will take a look at the sphere or realm that we must be a part of in order to live in a manner that is consistently acceptable to God. This sphere or realm is also referred to as the Kingdom of God here on earth. Let’s be very clear here, this Kingdom does not physically exist yet. It will come about when Jesus returns, until then the kingdom of God here on earth resides in our spirits and in our souls as true believers and followers of Jesus Christ.

The spiritual sphere is an invisible place where the spirit of the living God also referred to as the comforter in the bible resides here on earth. It cannot be seen with our human eyes; however we can feel His presence, and we can also see the manifestation of its presence, through obedience, and godly works from those who reside within this spiritual sphere. When Jesus returns He will set up both a physical and spiritual Kingdom here on earth as revealed in **Revelation 19:11-16**.

Isaiah 40:22 It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:

Romans 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

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What does it mean to live spiritually?

To live or to walk in the spirit as it is most often referred to in the holy bible means to place all of our cares and affection on things that are in the spiritual sphere rather than those things in the worldly or carnal sphere. This means that the things that we should really care about and value more than anything else should be the things that are in the spiritual sphere. God loves and cares about all of His creation, however His love for those in the spiritual sphere is a deeper love because those who reside in the spiritual sphere or realm will spend all of eternity with God in His house which is “heaven”. As a result of man’s fall in the Garden of Eden, all of humanity was separated from him and His Spirit was no longer alive in us, it became dormant. So in order to be apart of the spiritual sphere we must first be rebirth, or born again by the spirit of God. When we are born again our spirit which was dormant is quicken or made alive in us once again, and now we become members of the spiritual sphere or realm.

- **Colossians 3:2** Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.
- **Galatians 5:25** If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. (26) Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying on another.
- **John 3:5-6** Jesus answered, Verily, verily I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God. (6) That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
- **Romans 5:12** Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.
- **John 6:63** It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

When we live or walk in the spirit rather than the flesh we will not do the same things that those who are led by the flesh do.

- **Galatians 5:16-24**

Here is the Key to living for God! Believers are no longer under the rule, dominion, or control of Satan!!

Colossians 1:13-14 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the Kingdom of his dear Son: (14) In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.