

# Bible Study - Living for God, Not the World – Continued – Lesson - 27

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### 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.

### To Live For God, We Must Embrace Everyday As A Gift From God

There is one way that will help us to determine whether or not we are truly living for God, and not the world, which is to treat every day that God allows us to see as a gift from Him. When we reach a point in our life where we are able to comprehend and accept the fact that each day we receive is not of our own doing, but rather a gift from a sovereign, gracious and compassionate God. If you are alive today, that means that God has given you a gift every day of your earthly existence through today. On the day, that God stops granting you this special gift, will be the day your earthly life will end. Our earthly existence is dependent upon receiving this gift of life from God every day. If we actually believe the above, then we should be motivated to live each day according to the standards and commandments of the one that has graciously given us this precious gift. All the things that we enjoy each day is contingent upon receiving this gift of life from God. The earthly enjoyment and pleasures that we experience in our daily life will cease, the moment God withhold this precious gift of life.

- **Genesis 2:7** And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.
- **Acts 17:24-29** (24) God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; (25) Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; (26) And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; (27) That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: (28) For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring. (29) Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.
- **Hebrews 1:3** Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high:

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The Lord bestows this gift of life upon us even though we fall short of his commandments and standard daily. The lord also gives this gift of life to those who believe He is Lord as well as those who deny Him and His existence. Each time we receive this gift it is an opportunity to get to know the gift giver, and prayerfully an even greater opportunity to come to believe in Him as Our Lord and Savior. When we accept the Lord as our savior, and surrender our life to Him, we are immediate recipient of another gift from God. This gift known as eternal life is even more precious than any other gift on earth. The recipient of this gift will live beyond their earthly existence with God for all of eternity. Like the gift of earthly life, we can not buy, nor earn this gift, it is a gift from God, and is granted based on His unmerited favor toward His creation, who believe on Him as Lord and Savior. Non-believers of God are not eligible to receive this gift. For those who receive this free gift they become the children of God.

- **Matthew 5:45** That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.
- **Psalms 118:24** This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- **James 1:17** Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.
- **Ephesians 2:8** For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:
- **John 17:3** And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent
- **John 10:28** And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.
- **John 1:12** But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.