

PHILADELPHIA CHURCH

IN THE WORLD BUT NOT OF IT

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1 John 5:18-19

We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the One who was born of God keeps them safe, and the evil one cannot harm them. ¹⁹ We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one.

Cosmos

The inhabited Earth and people which
have their backs turned towards God.

Truth

I am no longer ruled by sin or tied to the preconceptions of the world.

Sanctified

I am being set apart or changed into the image of Christ.

Romans 12:1-2

- Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Question

Is the ongoing process of sanctification happening in our lives?

John 12:31

Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out.

John 17:14-16

I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵ My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it.

2 Corinthians 12:9

But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.

Question

Do we represent Christ in a way that others want what we have?

Colossians 4:6

Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

James 4:4-6

You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. ⁵ Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us? ⁶ But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says:

“God opposes the proud
but shows favor to the humble.”

James 4:7-10

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

Submit to God:

1. Resist the devil.
2. Draw near to God.
3. Cleanse your hands and purify your hearts.
4. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord.

Isaiah 61:3

3 and provide for those who grieve in Zion—
to bestow on them a crown of **beauty**
instead of ashes,
the oil of **joy**
instead of mourning,
and a **garment of praise**
instead of a spirit of despair.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
a planting of the LORD
for the display of his splendor.

Quote of the Week: "God is in control, but He doesn't expect you to lean on a shovel and pray for a hole."

