



² For You have given Him authority over everyone. He gives eternal life to each one You have given Him.

³ And this is the way to have eternal life —to know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the One You sent to earth.

⁴ I brought glory to You here on earth by completing the work You gave Me to do.

⁵ Now, Father, bring Me into the glory we shared before the world began.

⁶ I have revealed You to the ones You gave Me from this world. They were always Yours. You gave them to me, and they have kept Your word.

**⁷ Now they know that everything I have is a gift from you,
⁸ for I have passed on to them the message you gave me. They accepted it and know that I came from you, and they believe you sent me.**

⁹ My prayer is not for the world, but for those You have given Me, because they belong to You.

¹⁰ All who are Mine belong to You, and You have given them to me, so they bring Me glory

¹¹ Now I am departing from the world; they are staying in this world, but I am coming to You. Holy Father, You have given Me Your name; now protect them by the power of Your name so that they will be united just as we are.

¹² During My time here, I protected them by the power of the name You gave me. I guarded them so that not one was lost, except the one headed for destruction, as the Scriptures foretold.

13 Now I am coming to You. I told them many things while I was with them in this world so they would be filled with My joy.

14 I have given them Your word. And the world hates them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

15 I'm not asking You to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one.

16 They do not belong to this world any more than I do.
17 Make them holy by Your truth; teach them Your word, which is truth.

18 Just as You sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world. **19** And I give myself as a holy sacrifice for them so they can be made holy by Your truth.

20 I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message.

“In the world but not of it”

You do not Belong to the World

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You do not Belong to the World

The world (kosmos) = **The satanic system which is hostile to God.**

We know that we are children of God and that the world around us is under the control of the evil one.
(1 John 5:19)

How does THE WORLD distract believers from a loving relationship with God?

¹⁵ Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. (1 John 2)

¹⁶ For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world.
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a craving for physical pleasure or The lust of the flesh refers to HEDONISM.

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pride in our achievements and possessions or The pride of life refers to EGOTISM.

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In other words, we are to **reject conforming to the world's beliefs, ethics, and values**.

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The key to resisting CONFORMITY is not complete lack of connection to the world; it is the truth revealed in God's Word

We are Sent to the World

¹⁸ Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world.

When Jesus speaks of the "world" here He is referring to the **people who need to be reconciled to God**.

We are Sent to the World

²¹ I pray that they will all be one, ... so that the world will believe you sent me.

²³ ...May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me.

What does it mean to be in the world in this sense?

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. (Jn 3:16-17)

What does it mean to be in the world in this sense?

Jesus was known as "*the friend of sinners*" (Matt. 11)

We are Sent to the World

Paul was appalled by the idea that Christians would refuse to associate with sinful non-Christians. ⁹ *When I wrote to you before, I told you not to associate with people who indulge in sexual sin.* ¹⁰ *But I wasn't talking about unbelievers who indulge in sexual sin, or are greedy, or cheat people, or worship idols. You would have to leave this world to avoid people like that.* (1 Cor. 5)

We are Sent to the World

Should we expect people we are trying to reach to change first?

¹⁹ Even though I am a free man with no master, I have become a slave to all people to bring many to Christ. ²⁰ When I was with the Jews, I lived like a Jew to bring the Jews to Christ. When I was with those who follow the Jewish law, I too lived under that law. Even though I am not subject to the law, I did this so I could bring to Christ those who are under the law. ²¹ When I am with the Gentiles who do not follow the Jewish law, I too live apart from that law so I can bring them to Christ. But I do not ignore the law of God; I obey the law of Christ. (1 Cor. 9)

²² When I am with those who are weak, I share their weakness, for I want to bring the weak to Christ. Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some. ²³ I do everything to spread the Good News and share in its blessings. (1 Cor. 9)

Experiencing Unity in the Church

²⁰ “I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. ²¹ I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.

²² I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one. ²³ I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me.

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Will you clarify this unity?

Jesus is talking about relationships of love between Christians.

The result is an effective witness to non-Christians.

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Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. ² Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. (Eph. 4)

Experiencing Unity in the Church

The sight of loving unity among Christians arrests the non-Christian. It crashes through his intellect, stirs up his conscience and creates a tumult of longing in his heart because he was created to enjoy the very thing that you are demonstrating.

John White, The Fight

- Have you begun a personal relationship with Christ?
- Are you in the world but not of it?
- Are you ready to work at developing deep relationships with other Christians?

