

The Prayer of Christ for Believers, Part 3: The Purpose of Security in Christ— John 17:11-26

John 17:9–19 (NKJV)

⁹ “I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. ¹⁰ And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹ Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We *are*. ¹² While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵ I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. ¹⁸ As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent

them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.

Introduction

We are living in the most explosive time of information in the history of the world. With the the invention of the internet and the mass ownership and access of computers and smartphones, access to this information has come like a tsunami.

From an article on Industry Tap written by David Schilling, the host went on to say that not only is human knowledge, on average, doubling every 13 months, we are quickly on our way, with the help of the Internet, to the doubling of knowledge every 12 hours. To put it into context, in 1900 human knowledge doubled approximately every 100 years. By the end of 1945, the rate was every 25 years.

<https://lodestarsolutions.com/keeping-up-with-the-surge-of-information-and-human-knowledge/>

Just “by looking if internet usage has changed since the end of 2017.(you can see the increase)

By the end of 2019 there was around 4.6

billion internet users around the world, compared to 3.8 billion in June 2017. This is getting closer to two thirds of the world's population being online. Has social media usage increased? Yes, of course it has, and by a staggering 33% between 2017 and 2019! The number of active social media users worldwide in 2019 reached **3.7 billion**.

What about e-commerce? The number of people shopping online has also increased from 1.6 billion active users in 2017 to nearly **2 billion** in 2019. That is now a quarter of the world's population.

While this seems a slower growth than social media, **Nasdaq** has reported that they expect e-commerce to grow so rapidly over the next 20 years that around **95% of all purchases will be made online** by 2040.

How much data is out there?

With all this activity going on, exactly how much data are we talking about in the 'Global Datasphere'? This is the total data created, captured or replicated, but not necessarily being stored.

In 2017, we reported that there was there was **2.7 Zettabytes** (ZB) of data in our digital universe. **PwC** believe that this reached **4.4 ZB** in 2019, but more staggeringly predict that this will grow to 44ZB of data this year. In fact, **IDC** predicts the world's data will grow to **175 ZB** by 2025! This sounds a ridiculously high amount, but just how much data is it?

Let's break down just how big a zettabyte is:

- A gigabyte is 1,024 megabytes
- A terabyte is 1,024 gigabytes
- A petabyte is 1,024 terabytes
- An exabyte is 1,024 petabytes
- A zettabyte is 1,024 exabytes (so that's 1,048,576 petabytes, 1,073,741,824 terabytes, 1,099,511,627,776 gigabytes, or **1,125,899,910,000,000 megabytes!**)

Got all that? We could go bigger! But instead to maybe make it a little easier to visualise just how much data there may be in the world in five years, here are some examples from **IDC**:

- If you stored 175ZB on DVDs, the stack of DVDs would be long enough to circle the Earth 222 times.

- If you attempted to download 175ZB at the average current internet connection speed, it would take you 1.8 billion years to download!

<https://www.nodegraph.se/how-much-data-is-on-the-internet/>

Even though it's looking **increasingly likely** that humanity will find a way to wipe itself off the face of the Earth, there's a chance that our creative output may live on. Servers, hard drives, flash drives, and disks will degrade (as will our libraries of paper books, of course), but a group of researchers at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology have found a way to encode data onto DNA—the very same stuff that all living beings' genetic information is stored on—that could survive for millennia.

One gram of DNA can potentially hold up to 455 exabytes of data, according to the **New Scientist**. For reference: There are one billion gigabytes in an exabyte, and 1,000 exabytes in a zettabyte. The cloud computing company EMC **estimated that there were** 1.8 zettabytes of data in the world in 2011, which means we would need only about 4 grams (about a teaspoon) of DNA to hold everything from Plato through the complete works of Shakespeare to Beyonce's latest

album (not to mention every brunch photo ever posted on Instagram).

<https://qz.com/345640/scientists-say-all-the-worlds-data-can-fit-on-a-dna-hard-drive-the-size-of-a-teaspoon/>

The human brain consists of about one billion neurons. Each neuron forms about 1,000 connections to other neurons, amounting to more than a trillion connections. If each neuron could only help store a single memory, running out of space would be a problem. You might have only a few gigabytes of storage space, similar to the space in an iPod or a USB flash drive. Yet neurons combine so that each one helps with many memories at a time, exponentially increasing the brain's memory storage capacity to something closer to around 2.5 petabytes (or a million gigabytes). For comparison, if your brain worked like a digital video recorder in a television, 2.5 petabytes would be enough to hold three million hours of TV shows. You would have to leave the TV running continuously for more than 300 years to use up all that storage.

<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/what-is-the-memory-capacity/>

It is clear that we are living in an information age. More information than we can possibly read, understand or remember.

It is also amazing to me that at a time when we have the most available information and the most available truth, there is at the same time a current going the opposite direction of the denial of truth and that truth even exist. There is more available to read and watch and listen to, that speaks volumes to the proof of truth, yet men and women will deny it, while looking at it.

It also speaks much to the denial of spiritual truth. There has never been a time when more Bibles were available and solid teaching of truth online available at the fingertips, yet we are more ignorant than ever regarding there Truth about God.

This is not new.

John 18:33–39 (NKJV)

³³ Then Pilate entered the Praetorium again, called Jesus, and said to Him, “Are You the King of the Jews?”

...³⁶ Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants

would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here.”

³⁷ Pilate therefore said to Him, “Are You a king then?”

Jesus answered, “You say *rightly* that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.”

³⁸ Pilate said to Him, “What is truth?”

Review

1.The Person of Security

11 Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. **Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me,** that they may be one as We are.

12 While I was with them in the world, **I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept;** **and none of them is lost** except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

1. The Person of Security

2. The Problem for Security

A. The World

11 Now I am no longer in the world, but _____
these are in the world,

B. The Sin

12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

C. The Devil

15 I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one

1. The Person of Security

2. The Problem for Security

3. The Purpose of Security

1. That the Name of God will be Glorified

11 Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. **Holy Father, keep through Your name** *those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are.*

12 While I was with them in the world, **I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept;** and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

2. That the Scripture would be fulfilled

12 While I was with them in the world, *I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost* except the son of perdition, **that the Scripture might be fulfilled.**

3. That Joy would be Full

John 17:13 (NKJV)

13 **But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.**

The prayer was spoken aloud, so that the apostles might overhear His intercessions for them, and hearing might rejoice

Bernard, J. H. (1929). *A critical and exegetical commentary on the Gospel according to St. John*. (A. H. McNeile, Ed.) (p. 572). New York: C. Scribner' Sons.

4. That the Devil would be Defeated

15 I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one

Jesus' first petition, **keep them** (which is reiterated in v. 15), is a request for the disciples' spiritual security. God's **name** represents all that He is, though in this case there is a marked emphasis on His holiness (since Jesus just referred to Him as "Holy Father"). Jesus asked the Father to guard the disciples according to His holy character and attributes. That request is all-encompassing, and extends to all believers, as A. C. Gaebelein explains:

That keeping means everything. Keeping from falling away, from evil doctrines, from being overcome by sorrow, or in tribulation and suffering, keeping them in life and in death. From this first petition of our Lord's prayer we learn the absolute

security of a true believer. If a true believer, one who belongs to Christ, who has been given by the Father to the Son, for whom the Son of God intercedes, can be lost, it would mean the loss of Christ's glory, the loss of a part of the travail of His soul. (*The Gospel of John* [Wheaton: Van Kampen Press, 1936], 320)

MacArthur, J. F., Jr. (2008). [John 12-21](#) (pp. 276-277). Chicago, IL: Moody Publishers.

Lesson

5. Because of our Location

6. Because of our Consecration

7. Because of Evangelization

The Purpose of Security

5. Because of our Location

16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

14 I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

verse 16 is a repeat of verse 14 for emphasis.

We are in the world and left in the world

John 17:11–12 (NKJV)

11 Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, ...

12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name....

John 17:15 (NKJV)

15 I do not pray that You should take them out of the world,...

John 17:18 (NKJV)

18, I also have sent them into the world.

But we are not to be “of the world”

to understand what is meant by this phrase, we need only to look at v. 16 as a whole.

16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

kathos: just as, as

Original Word: καθώς

Part of Speech: Adverb

Transliteration: kathos

Phonetic Spelling: (kath-ocē')

Definition: according as, just as

Usage: according to the manner in which, in the degree that, just as, as.

2531 kathōs (an adverb derived from 2596 /katá, "according to" and 5613 /hōs, "as compared to, to the extent of") – properly, "in proportion, to the degree that" (J. Thayer); just as (in direct proportion), corresponding to fully (exactly).

ΕΚ ΤΟΥ ΚΟΣΜΟΥ ΟΥΚ ΕΙΣΙΝ ΚΑΘΩΣ ΕΓΩ ΕΚ ΤΟΥ ΚΟΣΜΟΥ ΟΥΚ ΕΙΜΙ

16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

1 Corinthians 15:47 (NKJV)

⁴⁷ The first man *was* of the earth, *made* of dust; the second Man *is* the Lord from heaven.

Hebrews 7:26 (NKJV)

²⁶ For such a High Priest was fitting for us, *who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners,* and has become higher than the heavens;

John 8:23 (NKJV)

²³ And He said to them, “**You are from beneath; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world.**”

Just in those 3 verses we see Jesus was

1. from heaven
2. Holy, Harmless and undefiled, separate
3. from above.

He has a different origination, and a different reputation.

He has a different home and a different world view. He has a different attitude toward evil and sin and holiness and purity.

He does not think like the world, act like the world, have the same affections of the world or follow after the world.

¹⁶ **They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.**

ΕΚ ΤΟΥ ΚΟΣΜΟΥ ΟΥΚ ΕΙΣΙΝ καθως
εγω εκ του κοσμου ουκ ειμι

The disciples are like Christ

2 Corinthians 5:14–17 (NKJV)

¹⁴ For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died;

¹⁵ and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

¹⁶ Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know *Him thus* no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

1 John 4:4–6 (NKJV)

⁴ You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵ They are of the world. Therefore they speak *as* of the world, and the world hears them. ⁶ We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

1 John 2:15–17 (NKJV)

¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

Not of the world (οὐκ ἐκ του κοσμου [*ouk ek tou kosmou*]). They are “in the world” (ἐν τῷ κοσμῷ [*en tōi kosmōi*], verse 13) still and Christ sends them “into the world” (εἰς τον κοσμον [*eis ton kosmon*], verse 18), but they must not be like the world nor get their spirit, standards, and message “out of the world,” else they can do the world no good. Robertson, A. T. (1933). [*Word Pictures in the New Testament*](#) (Jn 17:14). Nashville, TN: Broadman Press.

“they are not of the world.” The truth of this verse applies in a sevenfold way:

First, Christians have a different *standing* from those who belong to the world: their standing is in Adam, ours in Christ; they are under condemnation, we “accepted in the beloved.”

Second, we possess a different *nature*: theirs is born of the flesh, ours “of the Spirit”; theirs is evil and corrupt, ours holy and Divine.

Third, we serve a different *Master*: they are of their father the Devil, and the desires of their father they do; we serve the Lord Christ.

Fourth, we have a different *aim*: theirs is to please self, ours to glorify God.

Fifth, we have a different *citizenship*: theirs is on earth; ours in heaven.

Sixth, we live a different *life*: far below the standard set before us it is true: nevertheless, no Christian (in the general tenor of his conduct) goes to the same excess of sin as does the worldling.

Seventh, we have a different *destiny*: theirs is the Lake of Fire, ours is the Father’s House on High.

The “world” is a system built up away from God, and from it we have been taken, delivered, separated. The Lord grant needed grace to us all that we may *manifest* this in our daily walk.

Pink, A. W. (1923–1945). [*Exposition of the Gospel of John*](#) (p. 946). Swengel, PA: Bible Truth Depot.

The Christians' task, then, is not to be withdrawn from the world, nor to be confused with the world (hence the reminder of v. 16, repeating the thought of v. 14b), but to remain in the world, maintaining witness to the truth by the help of the Paraclete (15:26–27), and absorbing all the malice that the world can muster, finally protected by the Father himself, in response to the prayer of Jesus.

Carson, D. A. (1991). [*The Gospel according to John*](#) (p. 565). Leicester, England; Grand Rapids, MI: Inter-Varsity Press; W.B. Eerdmans.

The followers of Jesus are permitted neither the luxury of compromise with a 'world' (*cf.* notes on 1:9) that is intrinsically evil and under the devil's power, nor the safety of disengagement. But if the Christian pilgrimage is inherently perilous, the safety that only God himself can provide is assured, as certainly as the prayers of God's own dear Son will be answered.

Carson, D. A. (1991). [*The Gospel according to John*](#) (p. 565). Leicester, England; Grand Rapids, MI: Inter-Varsity Press; W.B. Eerdmans.

5. Because of our Location

6. Because of our Consecration

¹⁷ Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.

Sanctify Aorist Imperative

hagiazó: to make holy, consecrate, sanctify

Original Word: ἁγιάζω

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: hagiazó

Phonetic Spelling: (hag-ee-ad'-zo)

Definition: to make holy, consecrate, sanctify

Usage: I make holy, treat as holy, set apart as holy, sanctify, hallow, purify.

Cognate: 37 hagiázō (from 40 /hágios, "holy") – to regard as special (sacred), i.e. holy ("set apart"), sanctify. See 40 (hagios).

[37 (hagiázō) means "to make holy, consecrate, sanctify; to dedicate, separate" (Abbott-Smith).]

At its most basic level of meaning, ‘holy’ is almost an adjective for God: he is transcendent, ‘other’, distinct, separate from his creation, and so the angels cry unceasingly in his presence, ‘Holy! Holy! Holy!’ (*cf.* Is. 6:3; Rev. 4:8). Derivatively, then, people and things that are reserved for him are also called holy—whether a censer for an altar in the temple of the old covenant, or a man set apart to be the high priest. The prophet Jeremiah, and Aaron and his sons, were all ‘sanctified’, *i.e.* set apart for sacred duty, reserved for God (Je. 1:5; Ex. 28:41). The moral overtones in our English words ‘holy’ and ‘sanctification’ emerge only at that point: *i.e.* ideally if someone is set apart for God and God’s purposes alone, that person will do only what God wants, and hate all that God hates. That is what it means to be holy, as God is holy (Lv. 11:44–45; 1 Pet. 1:16).

Carson, D. A. (1991). [*The Gospel according to John*](#) (p. 565). Leicester, England; Grand Rapids, MI: Inter-Varsity Press; W.B. Eerdmans.

In the LXX ἀγιάζειν is the usual rendering of the root שׁדק

Procksch, O., & Kuhn, K. G. (1964–). [ἅγιος—ἀγιάζω—ἀγιασμός ἀγιότης—ἀγιωσύνη](#). G. Kittel, G. W. Bromiley, & G. Friedrich (Eds.), *Theological dictionary of the New Testament* (electronic ed., Vol. 1, p. 111). Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans.

Exodus 29:21 (NKJV)

²¹ And you shall take some of the blood that is on the altar, and some of the anointing oil, and sprinkle *it* on Aaron and on his garments, on his sons and on the garments of his sons with him; and he and his garments shall be hallowed, and his sons and his sons' garments with him.

Exodus 29:43–44 (NKJV)

⁴³ And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and *the tabernacle* shall be sanctified by My glory.

⁴⁴ So I will consecrate the tabernacle of meeting and the altar. I will also consecrate both Aaron and his sons to minister to Me as priests.

Genesis 2:3 (NKJV)

³ Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

Exodus 13:2 (NKJV)

² “Consecrate to Me all the firstborn, whatever opens the womb among the children of Israel, *both* of man and beast; it is Mine.”

Joshua 7:13 (NKJV)

¹³ Get up, sanctify the people, and say, ‘Sanctify yourselves for tomorrow, because thus says the Lord God of Israel: “*There is* an accursed thing in your midst, O Israel; you cannot stand before your enemies until you take away the accursed thing from among you.”

Jeremiah 1:5 (NKJV)

⁵ “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.”

Matthew 6:9 (NKJV)

⁹ **In this manner, therefore, pray:**

**Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.**

So how are we to be set apart, sanctified for the masters use.

Notice he does not say we are set apart and separated by
the clothes we wear,
the job we have,
the car we drive

the place we live
the children we raise.
the movies we watch
the social gathering we have
the churches we attend.

But rather He states it is the the “Truth” that
separates us that sets us apart.
Now the truth may affect what clothes we wear
the job we have
the car we drive
the children we raise
the movies we watch and the socials gatherings we
are in
an the churches we attend.

But the point it it is not the externals that cause the
separation. It is the truth that causes the separation.
The sanctification

It needs to be noted that often when we hear the
word holy, or sanctify, we think in terms of purity, or
no sin or evil and that is definitely part of it. The
purity comes from be set apart from sin. We are set
apart from evil and the world, therefore we are set
apart from sin and evil and are then pure.

And holiness in the sense of purity from sin is essential in salvation and is of absolute necessity to see God.

Hebrews 12:14 (NKJV)

¹⁴ Pursue peace with all *people*, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:

2 Corinthians 6:17–7:1 (NKJV)

¹⁷ Therefore

*“Come out from among them
And be separate, says the Lord.
Do not touch what is unclean,
And I will receive you.”*

¹⁸ *“I will be a Father to you,
and you shall be My sons and daughters,
says the Lord Almighty.”*

⁷ Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Ephesians 5:5–7 (NKJV)

⁵ For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷ Therefore do not be partakers with them.

Galatians 3:21 (NKJV)

²¹ Is the law then against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness would have been by the law.

1 John 3:2–3 (NKJV)

² Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. ³ And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

Revelation 21:24–27 (NKJV)

²⁴ And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. ²⁵ Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). ²⁶ And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into

it. ²⁷ But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Revelation 22:14–15 (NKJV)

¹⁴ Blessed *are* those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. ¹⁵ But outside *are* dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.

For Clarity, The Bible talks about 3 types of sanctification.

1. The Past and Positional
2. The Present and Persevering
3. The Planned and Procured

1. The Past and Positional

This happens at the moment of Salvation. When some one is regenerated. They are made positionally pure in Christ.

John 15:3 (NKJV)

³ You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV)

²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

2. The Present and Persevering

Romans 6:11–13 (NKJV)

¹¹ Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. ¹³ And do not present your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness to God.

3. The Planned and Procured

Romans 8:29–30 (NKJV)

²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. ³⁰ Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

Ephesians 1:4 (NKJV)

⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,

¹⁷ Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.

So in this this text, Jesus prays for our Sanctification which includes holiness and purity but that is the only part of it.

This being set apart, and separate comes thru a means.... the Truth.

The Truth is the means of changing the mind.
Reshaping the world view. Changing the glasses
that you see the world through.

Your view of things change.

Your view of life and death.

right and wrong all change.

ideologies that are worldly now are not Biblical to
you.

This comes from the truth.

Salvation starts with it

2 Thessalonians 2:13 (NKJV)

¹³ But we are bound to give thanks to God always
for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God
from the beginning chose you for salvation through
sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth,

John 8:31–32 (NKJV)

³¹ Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed
Him, **“If you abide in My word, you are My disciples
indeed. ³² And you shall know the truth, and the truth
shall make you free.”**

Sanctification continues with it

Romans 12:2 (NKJV)

² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Ephesians 1:16–19 (NKJV)

¹⁶ do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, ¹⁸ the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what *is* the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power

Ephesians 4:22–24 (NKJV)

²² that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, ²³ and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴ and that you put on the new man which was

created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

Colossians 1:21 (NKJV)

²¹ And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled

Colossians 3:8–16 (NKJV)

⁸ But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, ¹⁰ and have put on the new *man* who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, ¹¹ where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave *nor* free, but Christ *is* all and in all.

¹² Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; ¹³ bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*. ¹⁴ But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. ¹⁵ And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to

which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

2 Corinthians 10:3–5 (NKJV)

³ For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. ⁴ For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, ⁵ casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

¹⁷ Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

αγιασον αυτους εν τη αληθεια σου ο λογος ο σος αληθεια εστιν

ὁ λόγος ὁ σὸς ἀλήθειά ἐστιν. It is not always noticed that this is a quotation from the LXX of Ps. 118:142

Bernard, J. H. (1929). *A critical and exegetical commentary on the Gospel according to St. John*. (A. H. McNeile, Ed.) (p. 574). New York: C. Scribner' Sons.

Psalms 119:142 (NKJV)

142 Your righteousness *is* an everlasting
righteousness,
And Your law *is* truth.

2 Samuel 7:28 (NKJV)

28 “And now, O Lord God, You are God, and Your words are true, and You have promised this goodness to Your servant.

Westcott quotes an interesting parallel from a Jewish prayer for the new year: “Purify our hearts to serve Thee in truth. Thou, O God, art Truth, and Thy word is truth, and standeth for ever.

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The means of sanctification is not just any truth, But the truth of Gods Word

17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

αγιασον αυτους εν τη αληθεια σου ο λογος ο σος αληθεια εστιν

John 17:17 (ESV)

17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

John 17:17 (NASB95)

17 “Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

sos: your

Original Word: σός, σή, σόν

Part of Speech: Possessive Pronoun

Transliteration: sos

Phonetic Spelling: (sos)

Definition: your

Usage: yours, thy, thine.

4674 **sós** – **an emphatic, possessive-adjective meaning "your very own."** 4674 (sós) is the emphatic form of the 2nd person personal pronoun (4771 /sý, "you, your").

Matthew 7:3 (NASB95)

3 “Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?”

Acts 5:4 (NKJV)

4 While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God.”

Psalms 19:7–11 (NKJV)

7 The law of the Lord *is* perfect, converting the soul;

- The testimony of the Lord *is* sure, making wise the simple;
- 8 The statutes of the Lord *are* right, rejoicing the heart;
The commandment of the Lord *is* pure, enlightening the eyes;
- 9 The fear of the Lord *is* clean, enduring forever;
The judgments of the Lord *are* true *and* righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired *are they* than gold,
Yea, than much fine gold;
Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.
- 11 Moreover by them Your servant is warned,
And in keeping them *there is* great reward.

Sadly

Our culture has declared war on truth. They tell us that there is no absolute truth and that if you claim to have the truth, then that is your truth but it may not be true for me.

This is simply a Satanic deception that has led our culture toward a path of eminent destruction.

It is a reflection fo the depravity of man in Romans 1:18

Romans 1:18 (NKJV)

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

But what we need to be reminded of is that we do not need to defend the truth of God's Word anymore than we need to defend Gravity, or the truth of death.

The Word of God is Truth. Christ is Truth. It and He is absolute needs not defense.

The Truth of God will not be determined in the court of men.

Pink, A. W.

The written Word is (not "contains") unadulterated truth, because its Author cannot lie. In it there is no error. Because the Word is God's truth it is of final authority. By it every thing is to be tested. By it our thoughts are to be formed and our conduct is to be regulated

Pink, A. W. (1923–1945). [*Exposition of the Gospel of John*](#) (p. 949). Swengel, PA: Bible Truth Depot.

19 And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.

9 And for their sakes I sanctify Myself,

και **υπερ** αυτων εγω αγιαζω εμαυτον ινα και αυτοι ωσιν ηγιασμενοι εν αληθεια

Don't read this like Jesus is saying He is making himself holy. But rather He is setting himself apart for a mission.

His mission was to pay for our sin and provide righteousness that we could not attain.

He accomplished this by His Life and His death. His life he lived provides the perfect obedience to the law we need His Death pays for the debt of disobedience we could not pay.

So His perfect life of righteousness is imputed to us. and His righteous life becomes an example of how we should live. that is the next part of the verse.

19 And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.

may be sanctified **Perf pass part.**

The setting of Christ apart for the Priestly work has enable us to be saved so we can can be sanctified by the truth.

So the purpose of Security is

5. Because of our Location

6. Because of our Consecration

7. Because of Evangelization

18 As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.

John 20:21 (NKJV)

²¹ So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.”

18 **As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.**

apostelló: to send, send away

Original Word: ἀποστέλλω

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: apostelló

Phonetic Spelling: (ap-os-tel'-lo)

Definition: to send, send away

Usage: I send forth, send (as a messenger, commission, etc.), send away, dismiss.

649 apostéllō (from 575 /apó, "away from" and 4724 /stéllō, "send") – properly, send away, i.e. commission; (passive) "sent on a defined mission by a superior."

As an intensification of 4724 /stéllō ("send"), 649 (apostéllō) focuses back to the source (the one sending), strongly connecting the sender to the one sent (His mission). This verb is used of closely connecting the Lord (the sender) to the believers He personally commissions – as with John the Baptist (Mk 11:2) and the twelve a

In John's Gospel, such 'sanctification' is always for mission

Carson, D. A. (1991). *The Gospel according to John* (p. 566). Leicester, England; Grand Rapids, MI: Inter-Varsity Press; W.B. Eerdmans.

I find it amazing, that for the mission to be successful, Jesus, prays that they are not of the world and would be set apart from the world in order to reach the world. In other words, He is not asking that we would be like the world to reach the world but that we would not be like the world to reach the world.

Our difference is what determines our evangelism

Our likeness is what loses our evangelism.

Only sanctified believers are ready to be **sent into the world** as the Father **sent Christ into the world**. These words, directed at the eleven, served as a preview of the Great Commission the Lord would give these same disciples following His resurrection (Matt. 28:18–20; cf. Acts 1:7–8). Having been set apart from the world and transformed by God’s grace, the disciples would be the heralds of that same grace to the very world that hated them. In the same way that they were disciples of Jesus, they were to “make disciples” of Christ in “all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the

Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that [Christ] commanded [them]” (Matt. 28:19–20)

MacArthur, J. F., Jr. (2008). [John 12–21](#) (p. 284). Chicago, IL: Moody Publishers.

