

Biblical Principles of Separation

“Wherefore come _____ from among them, and be ye _____, saith the Lord, and _____ not the unclean thing: and I will receive you.” (II Cor. 6.17)

The laws of “nature” dictate that water _____ flows downhill. Another oft-repeated phrase is that of “following the path of _____ resistance.” Conservative _____ (theological and practical) must always be _____ for if they are to be _____ or _____ (Jude 1.3-4). There is a _____ ebb toward progressivism in this world. This is true in politics, culture, and of course the church. This human tendency has been well-described in the area of parenting by the following: “What the parents do in _____, the children will do in _____.”

WHY IS SEPARATION NECESSARY?

The reality remains that each generation of believers must individually make choices. You cannot sustain a ministry, relationship, or family by the _____ of _____. Life is _____ of decisions, therefore at each interchange, the Christian must _____ God’s _____, God’s _____, and God’s _____. All the while, this world’s system is seeking to promote and proclaim the superiority of _____ and _____. There is no _____ ground concerning the need for Biblical separation. W. B. Riley commented on the Jebusites, Hivites, Amalekites, and other associated “ites” that the most _____ of all are the “_____.” These are the folks that seek to _____ every issue and keep friends on both sides.

WHERE IS SEPARATION EXAMINED IN THE SCRIPTURE?

- 1) God Separated Himself from _____ (Isa. 14.13-14) - This established a Divine example for ALL believers to _____.
- 2) God Separated Adam and Even from the _____ (Gen. 3.22-24) - Adam and Eve _____ doctrinal error. Accordingly, God _____ them from the place of perfect communion, yet _____ a means of redemption.

- 3) God Insisted that Israel be Separated from other _____ (Deut. 7.1-4) - God chose a specific family on earth. They were to be holy unto Him. In order to maintain their right walk, _____ from other nations was _____.
- 4) God Insists that His Church be _____ NOT _____ (II Cor. 6.16-18) - God insists that a church that is _____ to Him be separated from _____ and _____.
- 5) God demands that the individual _____ be separated from this _____ (I John 2.15-17) - Each believer must _____ Biblical separation to the _____ they make in life. The _____ is passing away, it should not be the object of the saint’s _____. His affections must be set above!

Biblically speaking, separation is not _____, it is a matter of _____.

WHERE IS SEPARATION NECESSARY?

Looking at the above list, there are two broad areas in the which current believers must _____ for separation unto Christ:

- * _____ Separation (The personal _____ of each believer)
 - * _____ Separation (The _____ of the body of believers)
- If the real Christ is in us and His real Spirit is expressing Himself through us...
 - If we are in a Biblically _____ relationship with Christ...
 - If we seek to be _____ to the Word of God...

Our _____, _____, _____, values and _____ will be defined by Scripture! _____ is essential to the obedient believer for his _____ and his _____ (I John 3.3, Eph. 5.27, II Cor. 11.2).