

John 17:14-16
Be IN But Not OF the World!

INTRO: What are the challenges and dangers of being “in the world but not of the world?”

In what sense ought Christians to be “worldly saints?” In what sense ought we not to be?

John 17:11-19 Sermon Outline

1) The Recipients of Jesus’ (Second) Petition

2) The Reasons for Jesus’ Petition

3) The Priorities of Jesus’ Petition

A) *We need spiritual protection from anti-Christian forces and the Evil One.*

B) *We need to be progressively sanctified in the truth.*

4) The Purpose(s) of Jesus’ Petition

For Further Reflection/Application: *Lord help us to be doers of the Word and not just hearers!*

What is the most important thing you heard today? What do you want to study further as a result of today's message?

How should Jesus' great prayer in John 17 embolden, comfort, and encourage believers?

What are some of the challenges and dangers of being "in the world but not of the world?" What principles did the Christian coal miner and spiritual black lung disease illustration underscore?

In what sense ought Christians to be "worldly saints?"

Why did Jesus (temporarily) leave us here below? Listen to the hymn "Macedonia" and two Getty's hymns, "Facing a Task Unfinished" and "O Church Arise."

How does Christian persecution pose a threat to Jesus' disciples? John 15:18-20. In what sense does worldliness, sinful compromises, and/or apostasy pose a threat to believers? 1 Tim. 4:16.

In what ways (or in what situations) are you tempted to give in to fear and flee rather than hold the line and fight the good fight of faith? What did the preacher mean when talking about "Amish Isolationism?" What are some of the good/noble reasons Christians sometimes fall prey to this extreme "isolationist" temptation?

Sometimes believers can be very well intentioned but still misguided. Scripture ought to correct us when we drift or become imbalanced. Note John 17:15, 18; Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:18-20.

What did Pastor Caleb mean when warning against "compromising (hyper) contextualization?" Note John 17:14-20. 1 John 2:15-17; James 4:4; Romans 12:1-2; Luke 6:26; and Eph. 5-6.

What are some reasons Christians are tempted to compromise; to give in to fear and flee; to cower in a corner; or worst of all, to abandon the Christian faith altogether? Note last Sunday's sermon and the following passages: John 16:33; 1 Peter 5:8-9; 1 John 5:9; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Hebrews 10:32-39; 2 Timothy 3:12; 1 Peter 4:12.

Jesus' Parting Prayer for Spiritual Protection Should Impact Our Christian Lives in 3 Ways:

1) This prayer should give us peace! (*John 14:27; John 10:28-30*)

2) This prayer should embolden us! (*Psalm 27; 28:7 121; 1 Timothy 6:12*)

3) This prayer should greatly encourage us! (*John 16:1, 33; Psalm 23; 17:11-16*)

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