

**OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WORLD**

In James 4:4, we are told that if we want to be friends with the world, we make ourselves enemies with God. Our relationship with the world affects our relationship not only with God but with others.

The laws of the Old Testament, even though they may seem tedious to us actually told God’s people to be different from the people around them. The people around them worshiped idols which led to immoral and unholy lifestyles. This is why God wanted them driven out of the land so His people would not be tempted to live like them.

In the same way we dwell among people who put other things before God or don’t even acknowledge God. Paul said we are to refrain from being conformed to the world (Rom. 12:2). This doesn’t mean we isolate ourselves but we are told to live among them, and stand out as different so we can bring them to Christ.

Being in the world but not of the world is not easy. Christ promised that the world would hate us. But the fact that the world hates that which is good doesn’t mean we are to completely disregard the world. While we live differently, we are also to be the light of the world and show Christ to the world.

It is God’s desire for everyone to come to Him and be saved (Jn 3:16-17). We must not forget that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that the world might be saved through Him.

Our job is to help the world create a relationship with God and with Christ. This is how we relate to the world.

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***Welcome to our services*  SUNDAY Worship…………………………………9:30 AM Bible Class……………………………10:45 AM MONDAY Bible Study……………………………6:30PM WEDNESDAY Bible Study……………………..…..7:00 PM THURSDAY W.I.N.G.S. (Women In God’s Service) Ladies’ Bible Class…………….10:00 AM**

**Monday PM, Wednesday PM and Thursday AM classes will all meet in the West Annex for the present time**

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**Sermon: LESSONS WE CAN LEARN FROM JOHN THE BAPTIST**

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