

IN THE WORLD BUT NOT OF IT

John 17:13-21

As followers of Christ, we must respond to the world around us in accord with the truth of God's Word.

I. WE MUST LOVE ALL UNBELIEVERS

A. TRUE LOVE PROCLAIMS - Romans 1:16-17

B. TRUE LOVE PROTECTS

1. Believers want homosexuals to avoid the penalty of their sin - See Romans 1:27
2. Christians want other to overcome temptation by the power of Christ - James 1:14-15

C. TRUE LOVE IS PEACEABLE

1. No reviling or threatening even amid suffering - I Peter 2:21-23
2. Taking no revenge but rather trusting in God as the ultimate judge - Rom. 12:17-21

D. TRUE LOVE PROVIDES - Proverbs 3:27

II. WE MUST OBEY GOD

A. DEMONSTRATING COMMITMENT LIKE JOSHUA'S - Josh. 24:14-15

B. HAVING COURAGE LIKE THOMAS' - John 11:16

C. DRAWING CONCLUSIONS LIKE THE EARLY CHURCH

1. Proclaiming Christ no matter what - Acts 4:18-20, 29
2. Obeying Christ rather than men - Acts 5:27-32

III. WE MUST REMAIN PURE

A. ACCOMMODATION IS DANGEROUS - John 6:26-30 & 63-66

1. The sinfully selfish are attracted to Jesus - John 6:26
2. Believing in Christ as Savior is a detraction for many - John 6:28-30 & 63-66

B. SEPARATION IS REQUIRED - II Cor. 6:17-7:1

C. CONFRONTATION IS CHRIST-LIKE

1. Jesus confronted the money-changers - John 2:13-17 and Luke 19:45-46
2. Jesus condemned the hypocrites - Matt. 23:13-15

D. DISTINCTION IS ESSENTIAL - Eph. 4:17-24

E. ILLUMINATION IS EXPECTED - Eph. 5:11-12

IV. **WE MUST MODEL BIBLICAL MARRIAGE**

A. BEING FAITHFUL AND COMMITTED TO OUR SPOUSES

1. Divorce devalues marriage - Mark 10:2-12
2. Selfishness sabotages sacred responsibilities - Eph. 5:33

B. AVOIDING AN UNEQUAL YOKE - II Cor. 6:14-16

C. PROTESTING INTIMACY OUTSIDE OF MARRIAGE

1. Objecting to the immorality of heterosexual couples living together - I Thess. 4:3-8
2. Confronting individuals indulging in pornography - Psalm 101:3 and Job 31:1

V. **WE MUST PRAY** - Nehemiah 1:4-11

A. FOR OUR NATION'S SINS (5-7)

B. FOR OUR BIBLICAL UNITY (8-10)

C. FOR OUR PERSONAL SUCCESS (11)

VI. **WE MUST COUNT GOD IN!**

A. CHRIST WILL BUILD HIS CHURCH - Matt. 16:18

B. THERE IS VICTORY IN JESUS - Rom. 8:31-39

CONCLUSION:

As sanctified believers, we are missionaries to the world - John 17:18
 "As You sent me into the world, I also have sent them into the world."

May God help us to be a people who demonstrate conviction with compassion.