

Be Ye Separate

Introduction: I Peter 2:9

A HOLY nation - the spiritual Israel of God today - "Holy" means set apart. His own SPECIAL people - prized possession - like a collectible in your home.

The world generally is held in the sway of the evil One - I John 5:19
We have to live IN the world, but must not be OF the world - John 17:14-16. We are pictured as sojourners, pilgrims, aliens from Heaven - I Peter 2:11-12. It causes the locals to sometimes speak evil of us. So be it.

The name saint, which every Christian is honored to wear, means a separate one, one set apart from the rest.

I) How Are We To be Separate?

Not through monasteries, communal living, unique clothing, etc. (I Corinthians 5:9-11) but, through inward non-conformity to anything originating in the world and not of the heavenly Father revealed in Scripture. Both religiously and otherwise.

II) Old Testament Principle - Exodus 19:4-6.

Israel was meant to be separate. They ultimately failed - I Samuel 8:1-9

They desired to be like the nations around them. Today, many wish to be like the DENOMI-nations around us religiously.

III) New Testament Principle Stated - II Corinthians 6:14- 7:1

Jesus said we cannot serve two masters.

Light and dark cannot co-exist - I John 1:5-6

We must dare to be different

We must teach our children they are to be different

We must not try not to care if the world thinks us odd

We should not be ashamed of this

IV) Don't fool yourself! - Ephesians 5:1-12

Walking in worldliness is going to doom your soul.

Don't let anyone else fool you into thinking you can be righteous, while living unrighteously. A most damnable doctrine of the Devil.

