

How Did Jesus Relate To The World? v2

As Jesus did, we should strive to live in the world but not of (like) the world

Introduction

- We should greatly rejoice in the gracious forgiveness of our sins and hope of eternal life
- For now, we seek to live in a corrupted world and avoid being enslaved to sin
- But, Paul makes it clear we are to have association with the world to influence them to be saved without being corrupted by sin

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Live Differently Than The Sinful World

2Ti 2:19 Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Everyone who names the name of the Lord is to abstain from wickedness."

1Co 15:33 Do not be deceived: "Bad company corrupts good morals."

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Associate With The World Without Being Corrupted By It

1Co 5:9 I wrote you in my letter not to associate with immoral people;

1Co 5:10 I *did* not at all *mean* with the immoral people of this world, or with the covetous and swindlers, or with idolaters, for then you would have to go out of the world.

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1Co 5:11 But actually, I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he is an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler--not even to eat with such a one.

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1Co 5:12 For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Do you not judge those who are within the church?

1Co 5:13 But those who are outside, God judges. REMOVE THE WICKED MAN FROM AMONG YOURSELVES.

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- How can we closely associate with those in the world without becoming like them again?
- Why should we have close association with them?
- In what ways are we forbidden to associate with the world?

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Jesus Lived In The World But Was Not of (Like) The World

Joh 17:14 "I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

Joh 17:15 "I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil *one*.

Joh 17:16 "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

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Joh 17:17 "Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

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Jesus Completely Obeyed His Father's Will

Joh 8:28 So Jesus said, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am *He*, and I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me.

Joh 8:29 "And He who sent Me is with Me; He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him."

Joh 8:30 As He spoke these things, many came to believe in Him.

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Joh 8:46 "Which one of you convicts Me of sin? If I speak truth, why do you not believe Me?

Joh 8:47 "He who is of God hears the words of God; for this reason you do not hear them, because you are not of God."

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Jesus Loved, Associated With And Desired Sinners To Be Saved

Luk 5:27 After that He went out and noticed a tax collector named Levi sitting in the tax booth, and He said to him, "Follow Me."

Luk 5:28 And he left everything behind, and got up and *began* to follow Him.

Luk 5:29 And Levi gave a big reception for Him in his house; and there was a great crowd of tax collectors and other *people* who were reclining *at the table* with them.

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Luk 5:30 The Pharisees and their scribes *began* grumbling at His disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with the tax collectors and sinners?"

Luk 5:31 And Jesus answered and said to them, "*It is* not those who are well who need a physician, but those who are sick.

Luk 5:32 "I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

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Mar 10:17 As He was setting out on a journey, a man ran up to Him and knelt before Him, and asked Him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

Mar 10:18 And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone.

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Mar 10:19 "You know the commandments, 'DO NOT MURDER, DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, DO NOT STEAL, DO NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS, Do not defraud, HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER.'"

Mar 10:20 And he said to Him, "Teacher, I have kept all these things from my youth up."

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Mar 10:21 Looking at him, Jesus felt a love for him and said to him, "One thing you lack: go and sell all you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

Mar 10:22 But at these words he was saddened, and he went away grieving, for he was one who owned much property.

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Mar 10:23 And Jesus, looking around, *said to His disciples, "How hard it will be for those who are wealthy to enter the kingdom of God!"

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Jesus' Example Of Relating To The World

- Because Jesus was committed to living a godly life, He was able to set a righteous example for those in the world
- He associated with the world and loved sinners to the point of telling them what they must do to be saved

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Joh 15:18 "If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before it hated you.

Joh 15:19 "If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you.

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Joh 15:20 "Remember the word that I said to you, 'A slave is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also.

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Rom 12:1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship.

Rom 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

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Why Should We Associate With The World?

1Co 9:19 For though I am free from all *men*, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I may win more.

1Co 9:20 To the Jews I became as a Jew, so that I might win Jews; to those who are under the Law, as under the Law though not being myself under the Law, so that I might win those who are under the Law;

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1Co 9:21 to those who are without law, as without law, though not being without the law of God but under the law of Christ, so that I might win those who are without law.

1Co 9:22 To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak; I have become all things to all men, so that I may by all means save some.

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Why Should We Associate With The World?

1Co 9:23 I do all things for the sake of the gospel, so that I may become a fellow partaker of it.

1Co 9:24 Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but *only* one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win.

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Why Should We Associate With The World?

1Co 9:25 Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then *do it* to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.

1Co 9:26 Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air;

1Co 9:27 but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified. 26

Forbidden To Associate With The World Joining In Their Sins

- Sad today many Christians, including elders, who either endorse or participate in activities Christians should avoid
- Many see nothing wrong in
 - Dancing
 - Social drinking
 - Immodest apparel
 - Plays and movies with profanities and nudity

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1Pe 4:1 Therefore, since Christ has suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same purpose, because he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,

1Pe 4:2 so as to live the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.

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1Pe 4:3 For the time already past is sufficient *for you* to have carried out the desire of the Gentiles, having pursued a course of sensuality, lusts, drunkenness, carousing, drinking parties and abominable idolatries.

1Pe 4:4 In *all* this, they are surprised that you do not run with *them* into the same excesses of dissipation, and they malign *you*;

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1Pe 4:5 but they will give account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

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