

THE WORLD

By J.C. Ryle, 1878

This is the introduction to a sermon titled "The World" by J.C. Ryle

"Therefore come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you. I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." 2 Corinthians 6:17-18

The text which heads this page touches a subject of vast importance in religion. That subject is the great duty of separation from the world. This is the point which Paul had in view when he wrote to the Corinthians, "Come out — be separate."

The subject is one which demands the best attention of all who profess and call themselves Christians. In every age of the Church, separation from the world has always been one of the grand evidences of a work of grace in the heart. He who has been really born of the Spirit, and made a new creature in Christ Jesus, has always endeavored to "come out from the world," and live a separate life. They who have only had the name of Christian, without the reality, have always refused to "come out and be separate" from the world.

The subject perhaps was never more important than it is at the present day. There is a widely-spread desire to make things pleasant in religion — to saw off the corners and edges of the cross, and to avoid, as far as possible, self-denial. On every side we hear professing Christians declaring loudly that we must not be "narrow and exclusive," and that there is no harm in many things which the holiest saints of old thought bad for their souls. That we may . . . go anywhere, and do anything, and spend our time in anything, and read anything, and keep any company, and plunge into anything — and all the while may be very good Christians! This, this is the maxim of thousands. In a day like this, I think it good to raise a warning voice, and invite attention to the teaching of God's Word. It is written in that Word, "Come out — and be separate."

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Our Prayer List

"Pray without ceasing."

1 Thessalonians 5:17

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Pray For Our Church Supported Mission Works

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Act 1:8

Missionary Dan and Sunny Sullivan in Thailand, and Elder Raul and the Printing work Romania

“A Thought From Our Pastor.”

“Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;” 1 Peter 5:2

Christians are not under the law, but grace.

“For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.” Romans 6:14

What does it mean to be “*under the law of God*,” it means that lost souls are bounded to live the law to obey it in fulfillment. Lost souls cannot live the law of God because we were all (that is all souls) born in sin and with sin. People are not condemned because we sin but **because we were born condemned in the sin of Adam.** God made this crystal clear in Rom. 5:12 “*Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:*” Therefore, we must conclude that every soul born was born under sin and therefore bound to sinfulness. So many people mistake moral goodness and spiritual goodness as one in the same, but a soul can be morally good and a condemned sinner at the same time. God’s law was ever written for us to be made righteous; the law was written to show us our sinfulness. God said in, Gal. 3:24 “*Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.*” The law was never meant for salvation, meaning living good will never save a human soul. This is why God said in Eph. 2:8,9 that salvation is through grace and not by works. In Rom. 6:14 God said, “*For sin shall not have dominion over you...*” the word “dominion” means to lord over someone or to be a divine authority over someone. When people are lost, they do not control their thinking nor actions, sin does. The word “dominion” makes it clear that a lost or unredeemed soul is living in a depraved state of mind and will never turn to God for redemption. The reason for this is because every human soul is born not only depraved but at enmity with God, or a hater of God. God said in Rom. 8:7 “*Because the carnal mind is enmity against God...*” which means mankind, without redemption is hostile to God and everything He is. Therefore, every lost soul’s thinking is opposed to God’s Law, and not just a law but everything God is or says. God said that mankind hates Him so much that, “*There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.*” Rom 3:11 The reason they do not seek God is because they do not understand God, to the unredeemed mind, God is their enemy not their Saviour. Therefore, people make-up a god that suits their condemned mind and that god is weak, subject to the will of man, and is controlled by man’s thoughts and opinions. This is why people hate the Sovereignty of God, because a Sovereign God controls the creature which is reverse to what man wants.

Pastor’s Thought Continue.

This is why so many mistakenly believes that “*God cannot change the human will*” because man’s human will is so free that God must beg man to come to Him. The truth is that salvation cannot be of works because true salvation is a gift from God and is accomplished by and through Jesus Christ. We who are saved were saved by God’s grace through the work of Jesus Christ. God even went as far to say in Eph. 2:8 “*...and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:*” and He even went farther to clarify this in verse 9 “***Not of works...***” because salvation is by grace. This makes us that are saved, “under grace” and not under the law. We as Christians are not subject to the condemnation of the law or “*the curse of the law*” because “*Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us:*” Gal. 3:13 Therefore, we are under grace and no longer bound to the condemnation of the law. God said that salvation is not of both grace and works because they do not accomplish the same thing but are opposite of each other. “*And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.*” Romans 11:6 The law condemns the soul to eternal hell, but grace saves our soul from hell. **This does not mean that the law is meaningless to a Christian**, because Paul went on to write in Rom 6:15 “*What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? **God forbid.***” But the law no longer condemns us, but it becomes our standard of life. God’s grace through the blood of Jesus forgives and pardons our sin therefore if we sin, we are no longer condemned by that sin. This is what God meant in 1 John 1:7 “*But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*” His blood cleanses us so much that we can walk in fellowship with God, **beloved that is grace!**

Church information and Happenings

- Missionary Dan Sullivan is having eye surgery here in the USA.
- Please continue to pray for our church!!!
- Doug Newell III (Joey’s Dad).
- Our Pastor will be out of town from June 2 – 7 There will be no service on Wednesday night June 4th