

Why does the world hate Christian believers?

John 15:18-19: "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before *it hated* you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you."

1Cor. 2:14: "The natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned."

1John 3:1: "Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him."

2Cor. 4:3-4: "But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them."

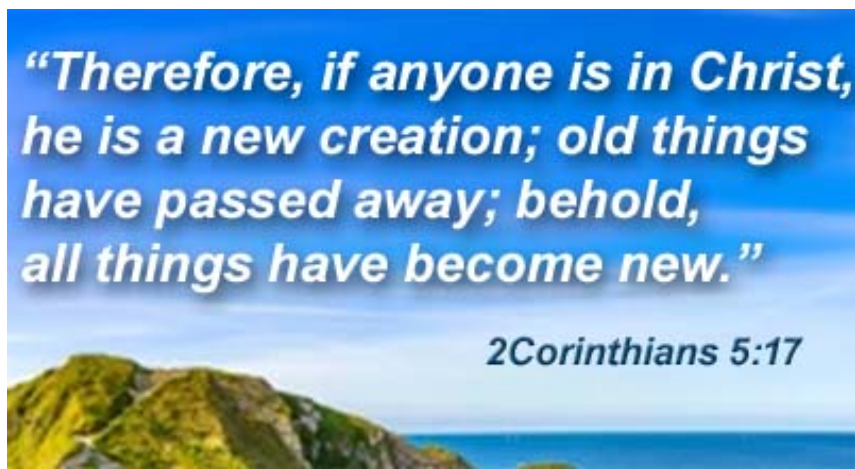
And the warnings are:

James 4:4: "Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God."

1John 4:1: "Do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world."

Am I in Christ or of the world?

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What does it mean to be in Christ?

1Peter 2:9: “You *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.”

Eph. 1:3-4: “Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love.”

Eph 2:4-5: “God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ.”

John 17:16: “They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.”

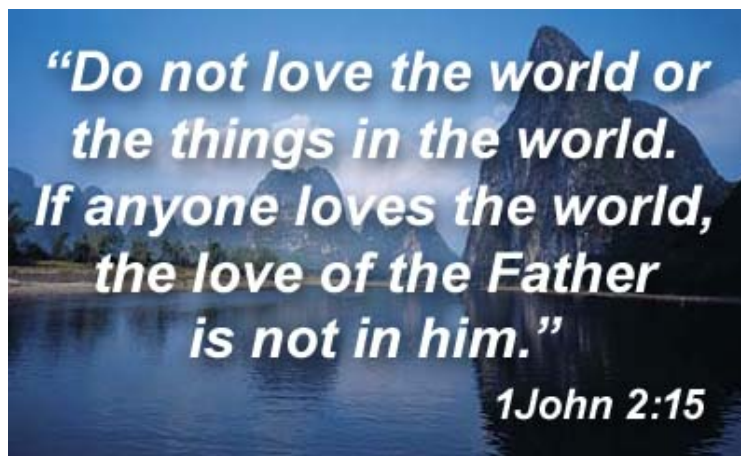
Romans 8:9: “You are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.”

Our eternal purpose being:

Philip. 3:20-21: “Our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.”

Does my life testify to being in Christ?

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How strongly does the Word of God teach us to be separated from the world?

Eph. 5:11: "Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them."

2Cor 6:14-16: "Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God."

2Thess. 3:6: "But we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you withdraw from every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the tradition which he received from us."

Romans 16:17: "Note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them."

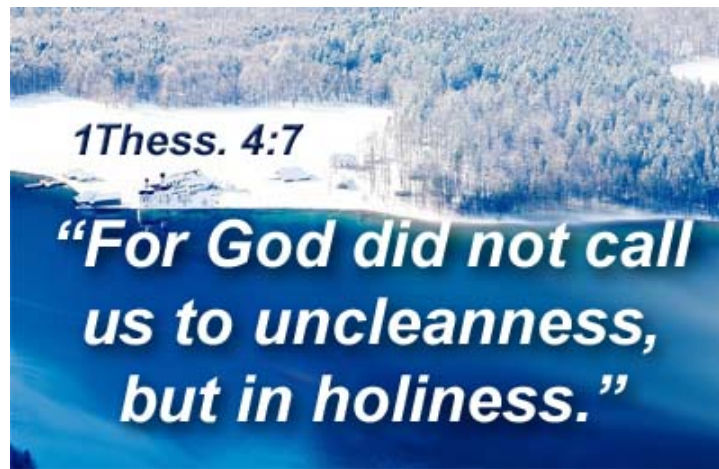
1Cor. 5:11: "But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner, not even to eat with such a person."

Why?

1Peter 1:15-16: "He who called you *is* holy, you also be holy in all *your* conduct, because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

How separated am I from the world?

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Why are we commanded and enjoined to be separated from the world? 1John 2:16-17; "For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever."

Philip. 2:15: "That you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world."

Romans 8:7: "Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be."

2Tim. 2:4: "No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of *this* life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier."

1Cor. 15:33: "Evil company corrupts good habits."

Mat. 6:24: "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other."

Gal. 2:20: "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

Do I understand and heed the serious command to be separated from the world's lusts and pride?

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What is the path to follow so we live for God and not the world?

Romans 12:2: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

1Peter 4:1-2: "Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, that he no longer should live the rest of *his* time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God."

Colossians 3:1: "If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God."

Acts 5:29: "We ought to obey God rather than men?"

Philippians 1:27: "Let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ."

2Corinthians 7:1: "Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."

Philippians 4:8: "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."

Am I following the path of righteousness in Christ?

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**“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard,
nor have entered into the heart
of man the things which God has
prepared for those who love Him.”**

1Cor. 2:9

What is the ultimate reward to be separated from the world?

Col. 1:13: “He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.”

2Peter 1:2-4: “Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that is* in the world through lust.”

1Cor. 2:12: “Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.”

Rom. 8:11: “If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.”

Why?

Deut. 7:6: “For you are a holy people, who belong to the LORD your God. Of all the people on earth, the LORD your God has chosen you to be his own special treasure.”

Can we say, “Glory to God”?

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