



GROWTH POINT

MIDWEEK SERVICE

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Title: Alive in Christ Results in Separation from the World

“Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: ² And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: ³ And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. ⁴ So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.” (Genesis 12:1-4)

“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:” (1 Peter 2:9)

INTRODUCTION

The Three Great Truths of Separation

1. Separation Can Be _____

Separation is not only *from* someone or something, but also *to* someone or something.

The word *Pharisee* actually means “separate,” but all they did is separate from things never to God.

Separation is not always explained “why” but always rewarded if obeyed.

Separation is not only for you , but for others.

“And for their sakes I sanctify myself; that they also might be sanctified through the truth. ²¹ That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.” (John 17:19, 21)

“Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him.” (Romans 14:3)

Your separation from the world today may be someone’s protection from disaster tomorrow!

2. Separation Needs to Be _____

“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: ¹⁰ Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. ¹¹ Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; ¹³ Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; ¹⁵ For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: ¹⁷ Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.” (1 Peter 2:9-11, 13, 15, 17)

Separation should affect our attitude.

- Separating from complaining by being thankful
- Separating from bitterness by being forgiving
- Separating from greed by being giving
- Separating from pride by being humble
- Separating from fear by having faith

Separation should affect our appearance.

- Modesty and distinction for clothing
“In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; ¹⁰ But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.” (1 Timothy 2:9–10)
- Smiles and joyfulness for countenance
“Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.” (Proverbs 27:17)

Separation should affect our activities.

- Can God be seen in it?
“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)
- Can God be pleased with it?
“Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.” (1 Corinthians 10:31)

The question should never be: “What’s wrong with it?” but
“What’s right with it?”

3. Separation Will Become _____

“Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father’s house, unto a land that I will shew thee.” (Genesis 12:1)

History is not about nations, movements, or even ideas—it is about individual people.

What areas of separation is God dealing with you in your conscience?

“But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king’s meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.” (Daniel 1:8)

Allow the Holy Spirit to convict or convince you through truth in your conscience.

“Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth. ²³ And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.” (Romans 14:22-23)

“And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men.” (Acts 24:16)

CONCLUSION

