

## WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

### THE DOCTRINES OF THE BIBLE

*Titus 2:1 But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:*

#### Study 37

### SEPARATION

**Tonight we will discuss SEPARATION as it is taught in the Scriptures.**

#### 1) GOD WANTS HIS PEOPLE TO BE SEPARATED.

*2 Corinthians 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?*

*15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?*

*16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*

*17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,*

*18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.*

#### 2) THERE ARE 6 CLASSIFICATIONS OF PEOPLE FROM WHICH WE SHOULD BE SEPARATE.

A) UNBELIEVERS— unsaved, those not believing in the biblical salvation

B) UNRIGHTEOUS— those who reject righteousness, lawless

C) DARKNES— those in the realm of the devil, evil, wickedness

D) BELIAL— those who are lazy, living in vanity, worthless

E) INFIDEL— those not believing in Christianity, rejecting the Bible, church

F) IDOLS— those who worship false gods or have things in place of God

#### 3) WE NEED TO NOT TOUCH THE UNCLEAN THING.

*2 Corinthians 6:17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,*

#### 4) SEPARATION IS ABOUT LEAVING WHAT IS WRONG AND COMING TO THE LORD.

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#### 5) SEPARATION IS IMPORTANT TO BEING CLOSE TO GOD.

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*18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.*

#### 6) SEPARATION INVOLVES CLEANSING OURSELVES FROM FILTHINESS.

*2 Corinthians 7:1 ¶ Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.*

*Ezra 6:21 And the children of Israel, which were come again out of captivity, and all such as had separated themselves unto them from the filthiness of the heathen of the land, to seek the LORD God of Israel, did eat,*

#### 7) SEPARATION IS ABOUT BECOMING HOLY.

*2 Corinthians 7:1 ¶ Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.*

*1 Peter 1:15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;*

*16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.*

## **8) SEPARATED LIVING HELPS US TO NOT BE PARTAKERS OF OTHER'S SINS.**

*Numbers 16:21 Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment.  
22 And they fell upon their faces, and said, O God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin, and wilt thou be wroth with all the congregation?  
23 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,  
24 Speak unto the congregation, saying, Get you up from about the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.  
25 And Moses rose up and went unto Dathan and Abiram; and the elders of Israel followed him.  
26 And he spake unto the congregation, saying, Depart, I pray you, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of theirs, lest ye be consumed in all their sins.*

*Ephesians 5:6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.*

*7 Be not ye therefore partakers with them.*

*8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:*

## **9) SEPARATION IS NEEDED IN SERVING GOD.**

*Matthew 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.*

*Exodus 8:20 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh; lo, he cometh forth to the water; and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Let my people go, that they may serve me.*

*21 Else, if thou wilt not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies upon thee, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thy houses: and the houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms of flies, and also the ground whereon they are.*

*22 And I will sever in that day the land of Goshen, in which my people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there; to the end thou mayest know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth.*

*23 And I will put a division between my people and thy people: to morrow shall this sign be.*

*24 And the LORD did so; and there came a grievous swarm of flies into the house of Pharaoh, and into his servants' houses, and into all the land of Egypt: the land was corrupted by reason of the swarm of flies.*

*25 And Pharaoh called for Moses and for Aaron, and said, Go ye, sacrifice to your God in the land.*

*26 And Moses said, It is not meet so to do; for we shall sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians to the LORD our God: lo, shall we sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, and will they not stone us?*

*27 We will go three days' journey into the wilderness, and sacrifice to the LORD our God, as he shall command us.*

## **10) THE WORLD IS THE ENEMY OF GOD.**

*James 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.*

## **11) DON'T LOVE THE WORLD.**

*1 John 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.*

*16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.*

*17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.*

**A) LUST OF THE FLESH**– sinful, carnal appetites

**B) LUST OF THE EYES**– possessions and events

**C) PRIDE OF LIFE**– accomplishments, glory, vanity

## **12) THERE SHOULD BE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US AND THOSE OF THE WORLD.**

*Matthew 5:14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.*

*15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.*

*16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

*1 Peter 2:9 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;*

*12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.*

### **13) THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE CLEAN AND THE UNCLEAN.**

*Ezekiel 22:26 Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shewed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.*

*Ezekiel 44:23 And they shall teach my people the difference between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.*

### **14) ALWAYS CHOOSE TO BE ON GOD'S SIDE.**

*Exodus 32:26 Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Who is on the LORD'S side? let him come unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him.*

*Matthew 12:30 He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.*

### **15) WE SHOULD LIVE IN SUCH A WAY THAT OTHERS SEE JESUS IN US.**

*Acts 11:26 And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.*

*Acts 4:13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.*