The Message Notes

Message: Christ lifestyle in the World
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Text: John 17:13-18
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John 17:13. "Now I am coming to you. I told them many things while I was with them in this world so they would be filled with my joy. **14.** I have given them your word. And the world hates them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. **15.** I'm not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one. **16.** They do not belong to this world any more than I do. **17.** Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth. **18.** Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world.

Objective: to teach Christ followers how to live in the world but not become **united** with the system and values of the world.

1. What did Jesus do? He prayed for His disciples.

- **World (humanism) -** a society based on human reason, human goodness, and human values separated from the truth of Scriptures.

- **Truth (fact) –** an indisputable reality that which has been, which now is, will always be (eternal). St. John 14:6

2. Why did Jesus pray? He prayed because He was returning to the Father, and to give an account of His works. I Timothy 1:15, Galatians 6:14

v13. "Now I am **coming to you** (going to the Father). I told them many things (truth) while I was with them in this **world** so they would be filled with **my joy** (not **happiness**) (accountable)." **v14**. I have given them **your word** (truth). And the **world** (society) **hates** them because they **do not belong** to the **world** (order/logic/system), just as **I do not belong** to the **world**.

3. How did Jesus pray? He prayed that they would be kept safe, be made holy by the truth, and be sent into the world.

a) Keep them_____: **v15**. I'm not asking you to take them out of the world, but to **keep them safe** from the **evil one** (deceiver). **v16**. They **do not belong** to this world any more than **I do**. I John 5:19

b) Make them_____: **v17**. Make them holy (distinct) by your truth; teach them your word (viewpoint), which is truth (facts - what was, now is, and will always be).

"We are **distinct** from the **world** because we have a **different spirit** (inspiration) and live by a different truth (Scriptures)."

c) Send them into the _____: **v18**. Just as you sent me into the world, I am **sending them** into the world (without God).

Application: Distinction: **Salt** and **Light** "God has called us to live **distinct** as **salt** and **light**, so the world can see the **contrast** between our truth and their truth and want to follow Christ."

Matthew 5:13. "You are the **salt** of the **earth**; but if the salt **loses its flavor**, how shall it be seasoned (saltless)? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.
- Character is salt (preserves, penetrates, and flavors)
- Mission is the earth (additive to enhance)
- Danger is becoming saltless (mixed with the world)

v14. "You are the light (truth) of the world**.** A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. **v15.** Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house (dispel darkness). **v16.** Let your **light so shine** (truth lived out) before men, that they may see your **good works** (example) and **glorify** your Father in heaven. (NKJV)
- Gospel is the light (illuminates and dispels darkness)
- Place for the light is the world (share the gospel)
- Unavoidable witness (city on hill/lamp on the stand/see your good works-lifestyle in Christ)

1. Cannot define a woman – Matthew 19:4
   - God in the beginning made male and female (binary)
   - Woman was made with XX chromosomes, distinct genitalia from a man and a womb as a safe place to nurture a child unto birth and have breast to feed the child after birth

2. When does life begin (abortion) – Psalms 139:15-16

3. Child's entitlement:
   - Father and mother married – Genesis 2:24
   - Father and mother worship God – Genesis 2:24
   - Father and mother love and respect one another – Ephesians 5:33
   - Father instructs them in the Lord – Ephesians 6:4
   - Children **obey** your parents and **honor** them – Ephesians 6:1
     This the first commandment with a promise.