

Be Ye Separate and Apart

FOUNDATION TEXT

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World, as used in this sermon series, is the aggregate (whole, entirety) of humanity that exists on Earth.

REMEMBER that biblically there is only one race: the HUMAN race. Within and throughout the human race there are many ethnicities and cultures.

HOWEVER, biblically speaking there are only two groups of human beings on this planet: children of God and children of Satan. Within these two groups are peoples from every ethnicity and culture.

Scriptural Base For Two Groups:

Gen 3:14

15 I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel

Scriptural Proofs For One Group Being Children Of Satan (Or The Devil)

Matthew 3:7-8

7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

8 Bear fruit in keeping with repentance."

John 8:38

38 I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father.”

John 8:41

41 You are doing the works your father did.” They said to him, “We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father—even God.”

John 8:44

44 You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

Scriptural Proofs For Children Of God

Romans 8:14-16

14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”

16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

Matthew 5:44-48

44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

46 For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?

47 And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? 48 You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Others Ways To Describe The Two Groups:

- Those who enter the narrow gate and those who enter the wide gate (**Matthew 7:13-14**)
- Those who walk the hard way and those who walk the easy way
- Those who belong to the few and those who belong to the many
- Healthy trees and diseased trees (**Matthew 7:15-20**)
- Those will bear good fruit and those who bear bad fruit (**Matthew 7:15-20**)
- Those who say and do the will of God and those who say and don’t
- Those who are known by Christ Jesus and those who are never known by him
- Workers of righteousness and workers of lawlessness
- Those who who will enter the kingdom of Heaven and those who won’t (**Matthew 7:21-23**)
- Those who obey the words/commands of Jesus and those who don’t
- Those who build their houses on the Rock and those who build them on sand
- Those who are wise and those who are foolish (**Matthew 7:24-27**)
- Wheat and Tares (**Matthew 13:24-30**)
- Sheep and Goats (**Matthew 25:31-46**)

- Those on the right and those on the left (**Matthew 25:31-46**)
- Those who are partakers of the divine nature and those who are partakers of Satan's nature (**2 Peter 1:3-4**)
- Those who belong to the kingdom of light those belong to the kingdom of darkness (**Col 1:11-14**)

Additional Scripture with Two Groups Described

2 Corinthians 4:4

4 In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

5 For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

REMEMBER, these two groups operate in different spheres, worlds, morals, kingdoms

Characteristics of Each Group - Galatians 5:19-25

The Sinner, The Unbeliever, Children Of Satan, Those Who Inhabit The Kingdom Of Darkness, Etc.

19 Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality,
20 idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions,
21 envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

The Believer, The Children Of The Light, The Children Of God, Etc.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

Also

Eph 5:5-11

5 For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

7 Therefore do not become partners with them;

8 for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light

9 (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true),

10 and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.

11 Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.

Remember: Sin produced a radical transformation of every aspect of our personal being. This is known as **total depravity**.

Ephesians 2:1-5

1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins

2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—

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4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,

5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

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This Saving grace produced a RADICAL TRANSFORMATION of EVERY ASPECT OF OUR PERSONAL BEING.

As A Result Of This Radical Transformation, We Are:

NEW CREATURE[S] IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

18 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;

WE'VE BEEN BORN AGAIN

John 3:3-7

3 Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

Verse 7

7 Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’

1 Peter 1:3,23

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

23 since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God;

WE HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 2:16

16 “For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

Believers and unbelievers inhabit two opposing worlds. Christians are in Christ's kingdom, which is characterized by righteousness, light, and eternal life.

**WE HAVE RECEIVED THE A HOPE THAT DOES NOT DISAPPOINT
WE HAVE RECEIVED GOD'S LOVE IN OUR HEARTS
AND WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Romans 5:5

5 and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

**WE HAVE BEEN TURNED "FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT AND FROM THE
DOMINION OF SATAN TO GOD"**

Colossians 1:13

13 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,

Acts 26:18

18 to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'

Believers and unbelievers populate – are citizens of two opposing kingdoms/domains/worlds.

- Christians are in Christ's kingdom, which is characterized by righteousness, light, and eternal life.
- Unbelievers are in Satan's kingdom, characterized by lawlessness, darkness, and spiritual death.

The saved and the unsaved have different affections, beliefs, principles, motives, goals, attitudes, and hopes.

In short, Christians and Unbelievers have two opposing world views.

Consequently, relationships between believers and unbelievers are at best limited to the temporal and external.

They may enjoy family ties, work at the same job, share in business relationships, live in the same community, experience the same hobbies and pastimes, and even agree on certain political and social issues.

But on a spiritual level, believers and unbelievers live in two completely different worlds.

It Should Be Obvious That Believers Cannot Live In Both Worlds.

1 John 2:15-16

15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.

James expressed in forceful language that same reality: James 4:4

4 You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

Romans 12:2

2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

2 Cor 6:14-7:2

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Isaiah 52:11

11 Depart, depart, go out from there;

touch no unclean thing;

go out from the midst of her; purify yourselves,

you who bear the vessels of the Lord.

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We are identified as: righteousness, light, Christ, believer temple of God

2 Cor 6:14

14 Do not be unequally yoked Mismatched or "yoked with another of a different kind;

Deuteronomy 22:10

10 You shall not plow with an ox and a donkey together.

Phil 4:3

3 Yes, I ask you also, true companion/yokefellow related word, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life. with unbelievers the unconverted

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OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES CONCERNING THIS

Exodus 23:31-33

31 And I will set your border from the Red Sea to the Sea of the Philistines, and from the wilderness to the Euphrates, for I will give the inhabitants of the land into your hand, and you shall drive them out before you.

32 You shall make no covenant with them and their gods.

33 They shall not dwell in your land, lest they make you sin against me; for if you serve their gods, it will surely be a snare to you.”

Deuteronomy 7:1-6

1 “When the Lord your God brings you into the land that you are entering to take possession of it, and clears away many nations before you, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations more numerous and mightier than you,

2 and when the Lord your God gives them over to you, and you defeat them, then you must devote them to complete destruction. You shall make no covenant with them and show no mercy to them.

3 You shall not intermarry with them, giving your daughters to their sons or taking their daughters for your sons,

4 for they would turn away your sons from following me, to serve other gods. Then the anger of the Lord would be kindled against you, and he would destroy you quickly.

5 But thus shall you deal with them: you shall break down their altars and dash in pieces their pillars and chop down their Asherim and burn their carved images with fire.

6 “For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

Isa 30:1-5

1 "Woe to the rebellious children," declares the Lord,
 "Who execute a plan, but not Mine,
 And make an alliance Heb – to weave a web; agreement, pact, but not of My Spirit,
 In order to add sin to sin;

2 Who proceed down to Egypt
 Without consulting Me,
 To take refuge in the safety of Pharaoh
 And to seek shelter in the shadow of Egypt!

Isa 31:1-3

1 Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help
 And rely on horses,
 And trust in chariots because they are many
 And in horsemen because they are very strong,
 But they do not look to the Holy One of Israel, nor seek the Lord!

2 Yet He also is wise and will bring disaster
 And does not retract His words,
 But will arise against the house of evildoers

And against the help of the workers of iniquity.
 3 Now the Egyptians are men and not God,
 And their horses are flesh and not spirit;
 So the Lord will stretch out His hand,
 And he who helps will stumble
 And he who is helped will fall,
 And all of them will come to an end together.

It's Always Going To Be Disaster When You Make An Alliance With The Kingdom Of Darkness.

1 Corinthians 15:33

33 Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals."

Again,

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