

Practical Sanctification

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Colossians 1:13

"He has DELIVERED (*rhuomai* - to draw to oneself, to rescue) **us from the domain of darkness** and **TRANSFERRED** (*methistemi* - to move from one place or sphere to another) **us to the kingdom of his beloved Son."**

- *Our supernatural transfer from one spiritual kingdom to another cannot be tangibly discerned with human senses. It is a spiritual transfer of citizenship, parentage and ownership and God has provided all the divine power needed for us to experience and walk in the fullness of that transfer.*

James 1:27

"Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and **to keep oneself UNSTAINED** (*aspilos* - spotless) **from the world.**"

2 Peter 1:3–4

3 **HIS DIVINE POWER HAS GRANTED TO US ALL THINGS THAT PERTAIN TO LIFE AND GODLINESS, through the knowledge of him** who called us to his **own glory and excellence,**

4 by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that **through them you may become PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE, having ESCAPED** (*apopheugo* - to successfully flee away from, separation, a full breaking away from the previous situation) **FROM THE CORRUPTION that is IN THE WORLD because of SINFUL DESIRE.**

- *Our escape from the corruption that is in the world is through internal transformation by the power of God, activated by our relationship and communion with God.*
- *Our escape and separation is not accomplished by physical distance nor quarantine; It is a deliverance originating from within. It is not that we are kept from the world by legalistic rules, but rather that we have no desire for, and are even repulsed by, the world (system).*
- *To be separate from the world (sanctification) is nothing that has to be legislated or forced. As God's power transforms us from the inside out through personal relationship and surrender, the difference between the Christian and the world will be as obvious as light versus darkness.*

2 Corinthians 6:14 - 7:1

14 **Do not be UNEQUALLY YOKED** (*heterozugeo* - joining two to a single plow, to be yoked heterogeneously) **with unbelievers. For what PARTNERSHIP** (*metoche* - sharing in common, joint activity) **has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what FELLOWSHIP** (*koinonia* - communion, shared in common as the basis of fellowship) **has light with darkness?**

15 What **ACCORD** (*sumphonesis - agreement, harmony*) has Christ with Belial? Or what **PORTION** (*meris - share, portion*) does a believer share with an unbeliever?

16 What **AGREEMENT** (*sugkatathesis - putting down together, alliance*) has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

- "PARTNERSHIP" - joint activity
- "FELLOWSHIP" - common belief or opinion forming a basis for fellowship
- "ACCORD" - harmonious agreement
- "PORTION" - joint ownership or possession
- "AGREEMENT" - joint effort, alliance

2 Corinthians 6:14 - 7:1

17 Therefore **GO OUT** (*action requiring deliberation and initiative*) **from their midst**, and **be SEPARATE** (*aphorizo - make boundaries, separate with boundaries*) **from them**, says the Lord, and **TOUCH NO** (*haptomai - touching that influences, fasten to, lay hold of, know carnally*) **unclean thing; THEN I WILL WELCOME YOU**,

- go out by determinate initiative
- make boundaries
- prevent any further influence

2 Corinthians 6:14 - 7:1

18 and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty."

1 Since we have these promises, beloved, let us **CLEANSE OURSELVES from EVERY defilement of body and spirit, BRINGING HOLINESS TO COMPLETION in the fear of God.**

ARE YOU YOKED TO THE WORLD?

Being YOKED is a partnership, fellowship, or commonality between the Christian and the world; at this point the light has ceased to be the light.

- **Being YOKED is an unholy commitment, persuasion or coercion of emotion, obligation, necessity or intimidation which is difficult to abandon.**

Proverbs 6:1-3

*1 My son, if you have put up security for your neighbor, have given your pledge for a stranger,
2 if you are snared in the words of your mouth, caught in the words of your mouth,
3 then do this, my son, and save yourself, for you have come into the hand of your neighbor: go, hasten, and plead urgently with your neighbor.*

Deuteronomy 13:6-9

6 *"If your brother, the son of your mother, or your son or your daughter or the wife you embrace or your friend who is as your own soul entices you secretly, saying, 'Let us go and serve other gods,' which neither you nor your fathers have known,*
7 *some of the gods of the peoples who are around you, whether near you or far off from you, from the one end of the earth to the other,*
8 *you shall not yield to him or listen to him, nor shall your eye pity him, nor shall you spare him, nor shall you conceal him.*
9 *But you shall kill him. Your hand shall be first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people.*

Luke 14:25–27

25 *Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them,*
26 *"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.*
27 *Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.*

- **Being YOKED is an evil influence, persuasion and "pull".**

1 Corinthians 15:33 *"Do not be deceived: 'Bad company ruins good morals.'"*

1 Corinthians 5:4-7

4 *When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus,*
5 *you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.*
6 *Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?*
7 *Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.*

1 Corinthians 5:9–11

9 *I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people—*
10 *not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world.*
11 *But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one.*

2 Timothy 2:16–18

16 *But avoid irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness,*
17 *and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus,*
18 *who have swerved from the truth, saying that the resurrection has already happened. They are upsetting the faith of some.*

- **Being YOKED is an evil identification, reputation, testimony or report.**

Ephesians 5:3

3 But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper (suitable, fitting, becoming) among saints.

1 Peter 2:11–12

11 Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

12 Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

THE CHRISTIAN AND WEALTH

THE CHRISTIAN AND LIFE NECESSITIES

THE CHRISTIAN AND FASHION

THE CHRISTIAN AND STATUS (*position & reputation*)

THE CHRISTIAN AND ENTERTAINMENT

THE CHRISTIAN AND POLITICS

THE CHRISTIAN AND HUMANITARIAN AID

THE CHRISTIAN AND MILITANT AGGRESSION

THE CHRISTIAN AND MINISTRY STRATEGY