

## **Separation and Sanctification**

### **First John 2:15-17**

**We believe that the Scriptures clearly teach nonconformity to the world for every believer; that born-again people should be separated from the world unto Christ; that it is clearly commanded of God to all believers to live lives of separation from all worldly and sinful practices and to be holy as He is holy.**

**1 Timothy 4:4**

**Romans 12:2**

- Worldliness is the condition of being overly concerned with worldly affairs to the neglect of spiritual things
- Biblical separation is the recognition that God has called believers to lives of holiness in the midst of sinful culture

**2 Corinthians 6:14-17**

**We believe that positional sanctification occurs at the moment of regeneration and that practical sanctification is to be progressive throughout the entire life span of a believer here on earth. God's provision for holy living is in the believer's identification with Christ in His death, resurrection, and ascension; the indwelling person and power of the Holy Spirit and the believer's yieldedness to Him; and by the powerful Word of God.**

- Positional sanctification is the believer's standing before God, made holy and set apart at the moment of salvation

**1 Corinthians 6:11**

**Philippians 2:12-13**

- Progressive sanctification is the ongoing process by which believers grow in holiness throughout their lives

In what areas of your life do you feel the world is trying to conform you to its pattern? How can you practically pursue holiness in your daily walk with Christ? Why is separation from the world necessary for maintaining a close relationship with God?