

The difference between the church and the world

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Introduction

1. Matthew 6:24
2. God has always made a difference in some things. Exodus 11:7; Leviticus 10:10; 11:47; Ezekiel 22:26; 44:23
3. God has always wanted for us to show a difference in some things too. 2 Corinthians 6:14-17
4. But do we?
5. We want to discuss three areas where we are to have a distinction between the child of God and the child of the world.

II Discussion

1. Different gods
 1. There is only one God Ephesians 4:6; Deuteronomy 6:4; Exodus 20:5; Isaiah 44:6
 2. Not all have accepted this and have made their own gods Romans 1:25
 3. In our text Mammon is a worldly god Philippians 3:18-19; Romans 16:18
 4. God is a spirit John 4:24
 1. He owns everything Psalm 50:10; Haggai 2:8
 2. He has placed everything in our stewardship 1 Corinthians 4:2
2. Different goals
 1. The ambition of the church and the world are poles apart!
 2. The world serves self Philippians 3:19; The church serves God John 14:15
 3. The goal of the church is to save Mark 10:43-44; Galatians 6:2, 10
 4. The church lives for the future Colossians 3:1-3; The world lives for the here and now Romans 16:17-18
3. Different guidelines
 1. We all need to walk by the same rule Philippians 3:16; 1 Corinthians 1:10; Philippians 1:27
 2. The church is guided by the Word of God 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 4:12
 3. The Word of God is profitable 2 Timothy 3:17
 4. We must know of it for it to be beneficial John 5:39; Matthew 4:1-11

III Conclusion

1. We have discussed these three areas today: different gods, goals and guidelines.
2. Are there differences in your life from that of the world and what God would have it to be?
3. Can the world see the differences Acts 26:20
4. If no one can see the difference then how do you know there is a difference?
5. There may not be any differences so changes need to be made so there can be differences in our lives.
6. Come now!

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