

Safe

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Introduction

1. John 17:14-19
2. This is the Lord's prayer, This is the one He prayed to the Father
3. We are being attacked by the world on every side 1 Peter 5:8
4. How do we react to this.
5. We can conform to the world and what it wants, we can live a secluded life or we can live in the world but not be a part of the world
6. Let us notice what Jesus prayed for in our text

II Discussion

1. Christ prayed for the disciples; safe keeping against the world.
 1. It was Christ's word in the disciples that excited the world's hatred verse 14; Matthew 10:22; 24:9; John 15:18, 24-25
 2. They who received the word cross the world's path:
 1. In their true judgment of things
 2. In their god-like will Matthew 11:28 meekness
 3. In their holy lives
 4. Are we keeping ourselves safe? John 10:27-28; 1 Peter 2:25
2. Christ prayer is not for the translation of believers to heaven, but for their preservation on earth verse 15
 1. He cares for us 1 Peter 5:7
 2. He has given us the knowledge of how the devil works 2 Corinthians 11:13-15
 3. Christ has told us how to overcome the devil James 4:7-8; 1 John 2:13-14
 4. We must depend on God's help Luke 18:9ff; 1 Peter 5:5
3. He prayed for the true method of preservation verse 17
 1. There must be a complete consecration to the task the disciples have to fulfill in the world Luke 10:27
 2. The word of God is the great instrument for sanctification Romans 1:16; Acts 2:40; 11:14; Ephesians 5:26
 1. It is here that the word of God is the truth which means that it is:
 1. Infallible
 2. Eternal
 3. Holy
 2. It is to be read with diligence, preparation and prayer 2 Timothy 2:15; John 5:39; Acts 17:11; 1 Peter 3:15
 3. It is to be maintained by:
 1. Our arguments Philippians 1:17
 2. Our obedience John 14:15
 3. Our sufferings 1 Peter 4:16

III Conclusion

1. We are not to be like the world Romans 12:1-2
2. We are to influence the world to be a better place to live not for the world to influence us to be like it does
3. If you are not in Christ then you are living like the world
4. If you are a Christian and are living like the world you are still lost James 4:4
5. Change now!

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