

“NO PART OF THE WORLD”—IN IMITATION OF CHRIST

Note to the speaker:

Discuss Christ's example. Help the audience to understand in practical ways what it means to be no part of the world, using local examples where possible

“NO PART OF THE WORLD”—WHY? (5 min.)

In imitation of Jesus Christ, Christians must be “no part of the world” **[Read John 17:16]**

The “world” in this context refers to unrighteous human society alienated from God (*it-2* 1209-1210)

The world is under the control of Satan the Devil (1Jo 5:19)

The spirit of the world incites people to reflect the Devil's traits (Joh 8:44; Eph 2:1-3)

It encourages rebellion against Jehovah's standards (Ga 5:19-21)

JESUS SHOWED US HOW TO REMAIN “NO PART OF THE WORLD” (12 min.)

Jesus rejected involvement in politics (Joh 6:15; 18:36)

We must remain politically neutral (*lv* 52, box)

Jesus shunned materialism (Mt 8:20)

We must seek God's Kingdom first and learn contentment (Mt 6:31-33; 1Ti 6:8)

Jesus did not allow the world to influence him in any way (Joh 14:30)

We must not love the world or the things in it (1Jo 2:15, 16)

Jesus showed us by example how to reject the world's enticements (*w13* 8/15 24-26 ¶7-12)

He did not allow physical desires to dominate him (Lu 4:1-4)

He was not ensnared by what he saw (Lu 4:5-8)

He refused to make a showy display (Lu 4:9-12)

Let God's Word direct your thinking and actions, as Jesus did (*w13* 8/15 26-27 ¶13-17)

Use it to fight temptation (2Co 10:3-5; *w11* 1/15 22-24 ¶5-10)

CONQUER THE WORLD, AS JESUS DID (8 min.)

Those who are “no part of the world” become objects of its hatred (Joh 15:18, 19)

Jesus assured us that it is possible to conquer the world **[Read John 16:33]** (*w03* 3/15 4-6)

Jesus' followers conquer pride

Jesus taught his followers to be humble and willing to serve others (Lu 22:24-27; Joh 13:3-5, 12-15)

We must resist the worldly desire for personal prominence (*w12* 12/15 6-7 ¶9-12)

We must also avoid the snare of exalting sports figures or entertainers

Jesus' followers conquer hatred

Fear, ignorance, and prejudice cause divisions in the world

By contrast, self-sacrificing love unites Jesus' true followers (Joh 13:34, 35; 15:12, 13; 1Jo 3:15)

Jesus taught that Christians should love even their enemies (Mt 5:43-45)

Faith is essential if we are to conquer the world **[Read 1 John 5:3, 4]**

We must have faith that Christ is ruling as King and will soon destroy this wicked world

Such faith will help us to remain firm in our resolve to obey God's commands and not to adopt this world's ways and thinking

THIS WICKED WORLD IS SOON TO END! (5 min.)

Soon, the ruler of this world will no longer be able to mislead mankind (Joh 16:11; Re 20:1-3)

His world and its desire will disappear forever! **[Read 1 John 2:17]**

Make it your resolve always to do God's will

Memories of the struggle to remain “no part of the world” will fade as the blessings to come are realized (2Co 4:17, 18)

[Adhere closely to the outlined material, and observe the indicated timing of each section. Not all cited texts need to be read or commented on. See *Ministry School* book, pages 52-55, 166-169]