

As believers, we are sanctified and sacred to God and we are different from the world. Our lives and our speech are different from the world and we must not allow the world to influence us. Our Sanctification is the manifestation of Christ within our purpose, plan, and pursuit. Transformation is done by renewing our minds with the word of God. Our Sanctification is us being set apart. There is a manifestation of Christ within our pursuit, our plan, our purpose and that is our transformation by His word and our sanctification.

*John 17:17*  
*Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.*

We must be transformed by the word. The more time we spend in the Word, the more we are transformed and renewed by it and the thoughts of our desires are. But the more time we spend outside the word of God, the more we glorify ourselves instead of God. Although we are in this world, we are not of this world, our beliefs, and opinions are not of this world.

The things of this world should not be influencing us rather we should be the ones influencing the world. There are no neutral thoughts, desires, or opinions, it is either darkness or light, good or evil.

Our sanctification is only in the word of God. We must not act like men without identity, we must act on the word. Acting on the word is our sanctification. The lifestyle of the world cannot be our lifestyle, we can't talk like the world, and our "speech must be seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer each one." Our sanctification is by the word of God.  
We have to live like men who have and know their identity. We are different from the world; our desires, speech, desires, thought patterns are different from the world.

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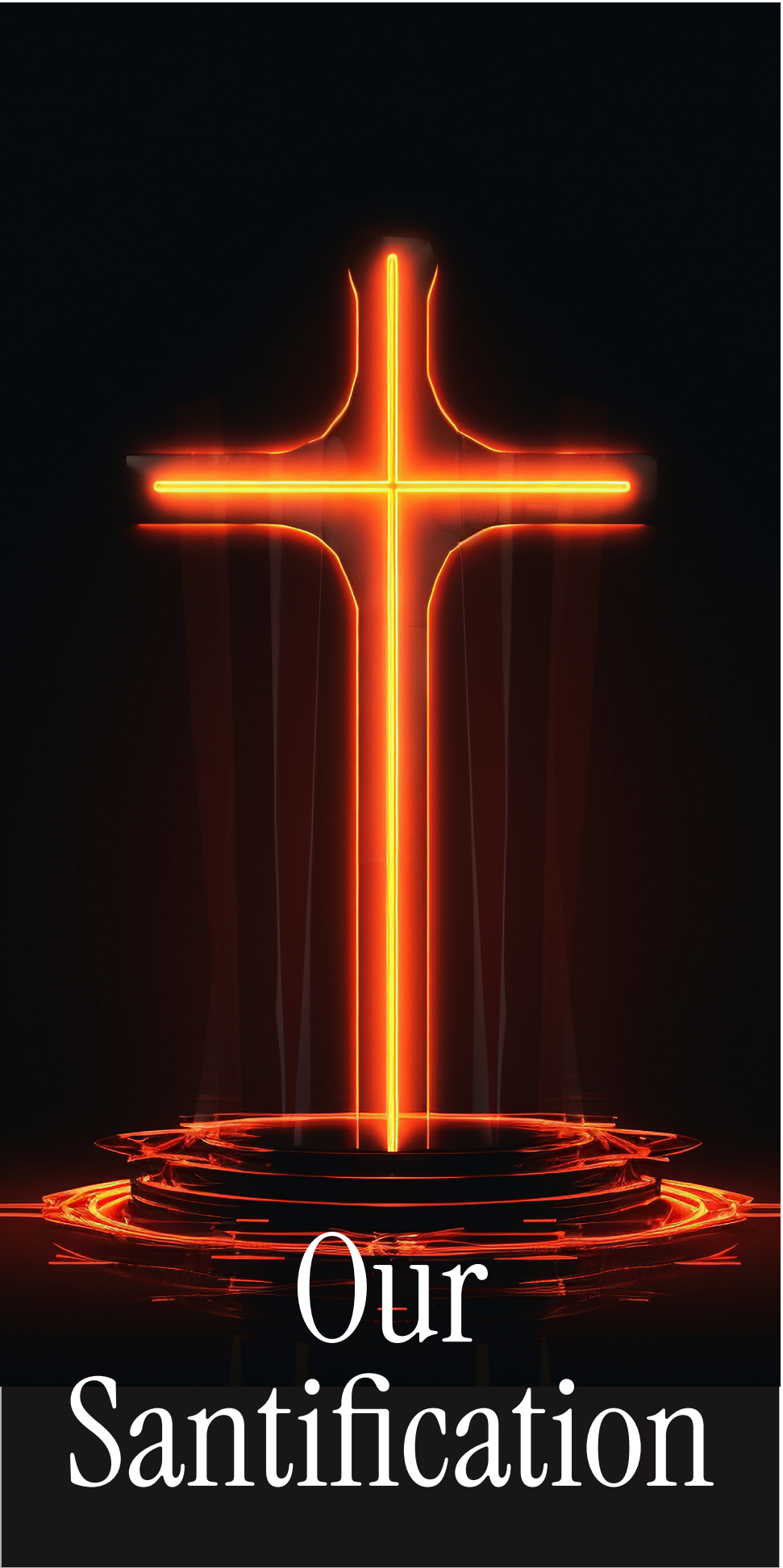
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**2nd Timothy 3:15-17**

*And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.*

**16** *All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:*

**17** *That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.*

Before reading the scripture, we must first understand that the Bible is not an ordinary literature text or a creation story. The scripture is about salvation which is through faith in Christ Jesus. Moreover, in the scripture, Jesus clearly distinguished between the world and the believer in the world. Although as believers, we live in this world, we are distinct from the world.

**John 17:14 - 17**

*I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.*

**15** *I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.*

**16** *They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.*

**17** *Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.*

The apostle also explained the believer not being of this world.

**Romans 12:2**

*And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

**1John 2:15**

*Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.*

Worldliness according to the scripture means a thought pattern, a system of conduct. The “world” here refers to a system, an influence contrary to God’s word. A system that does not glorify God but itself. It makes us see a sinful man as good because of how they act, talk, their intelligence, looks, or ideology. Just because a man is a philanthropist as far as he has not believed the gospel, he is a temple of idol, a temple of satan.

**2Corinthians 4:3**

*In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*

Although Satan is called the god of this world, he has no control over the earth itself. The earth belongs to the Lord and all its fullness. When Scripture refers to Satan as the "god of this world," it speaks of a system

a thought pattern, not ownership. Satan created nothing, so nothing truly belongs to him. However, he controls the world’s systems and activities. The things of this world are under human control, and people can choose how they relate to them. Satan rules in the life of someone who has not believed the gospel, his influence is as strong as that person’s willingness to yield to him. The things of this world have no life of their own; they are controlled by those who align their desires with Satan’s ways. Therefore, as a believer, you must be mindful of what influences you, as Satan’s rulership is within man’s will, man's choices, and pursuit.

**Ephesians 5:15-17**

*See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,*

**16** *redeeming the time, because the days are evil.*

**17** *Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.*

Many times we allow ourselves to be influenced carelessly. We must not be a believer who is easily influenced by the world. We must be careful of the kinds of trends we follow.

When we are not circumspect, we become fools.

**Matthew 10:16**

*Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.*

Our first line of caution is our relationship.

**Galatians 6:10**

*As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.*

Although we have to be kind to all men, we must not have an intimate relationship with an unbeliever. An atheist cannot be a best friend to a believer because an unbeliever is a temple of idols.

**John 8:44**

*Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.*

This is the state of an unbeliever: anyone who refuses to believe the gospel is a child of Satan. While this may sound harsh, it is the truth. The relationship between a believer and an unbeliever can never be close, as their purposes are fundamentally different. Our mission to unbelievers is to lead them to salvation and disciple them. Unfortunately, many believers today have become influenced by unbelievers, when it should be the other way around. The church is our family, where we find true friendship and community. Our primary social group should be within the church, where we are brothers and sisters in Christ. In church, we engage with the Word and the Spirit, receiving guidance. It is also where we are held accountable for our spiritual growth by the church’s leadership.

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Conform means to adapt. You only reflect on what you spend time with. If you don’t spend time with the word, you cannot reflect the word. If all you spend time with is social media movies and the things of this world, that is what you will reflect. We must learn to feed on the word, the word of God is our sanctification.

The written word unveils the living God. The more time we spend with the word, the more time we spend with God. The reason why many believers live sinful lives is that they don’t spend time with the word. Our sinful life comes from an inconsistent, irrelevant attitude to the word.

When you see yourself acting contrary to the word, you need to consecrate yourself and feed on the word of God more.

Man is a product of influence, everything about you is a product of influence. Hence we must check what influences us.

**Mark 4:24**

*And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given.*

Any believer who seeks to glorify God will spend time with the word of God, and prayer more than the time he spends with man, that is a sanctified life. We must have the right models, mentors, examples, people who can influence us the right way.

**Hebrews 13:7**

*Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.*

Follow the right model. In the business world, you can have business models. But in life, your role model cannot be from the world. Draw the line, and be a sanctified believer. We only follow men who have testimonies of Christian suffering, who are full of prayer, integrity, submission to the local church, full of the power of God, etc. Our models are the great men of faith; David, Paul, David, Jesus, etc. You are a believer in Christ. We should not make models out of the children of Satan. “It is a disaster for a blind to lead those who have sight.”

As a believer, although we live in this world, we must not be influenced by it. We are not of this world, we are in Christ. Upon salvation, we were separated from this world, set apart, and made holy. Christ is not of this world, He is the light of the world. Without Christ, all things are dark and in confusion. Christ brought light into this world and to you. The only way out for the believer to live in this world is to live in and by His sanctification.

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