

Sermon by Bro. Marshall Jacob  
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**TOPIC:**

As a Christian Already, the  
Worldly Should Not Be Found  
in Me

**Romans 12:2**

*“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”*

# 1. The Call to Separation from the World

## Key Scripture:

**2 Corinthians 6:17** – *“Therefore, come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you.”*

## Explanation:

- Paul urges Christians to separate themselves from worldly influences. We are in the world but not of it (John 17:14-16).
- Our choices, speech, dressing, desires, and conduct should reflect heaven, not popular culture.

## Supporting Story: Lot's Wife (Genesis 19:15–26)

- God saved Lot's family from Sodom, a symbol of worldly corruption.
- Lot's wife looked back, longing for what she left behind.
- She turned into a pillar of salt—a warning that attachment to the world leads to destruction.

## 2. A Changed Life Must Be Evident

### Key Scripture:

**2 Corinthians 5:17** – *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”*

### Explanation:

- Being born again brings transformation. Our old worldly habits, desires, and lifestyles must die.
- Christianity is not just a confession—it’s a complete change of heart, mind, and behavior.

### Supporting Story: Zacchaeus the Tax Collector (Luke 19:1–10)

- Once a corrupt man who extorted money, Zacchaeus met Jesus and his life changed instantly.
- He offered to give half of his wealth to the poor and repay those he had cheated.
- A true encounter with Christ makes worldliness unacceptable.

# 3. Friendship with the World is Enmity with God

## Key Scripture:

**James 4:4** – *“You adulterous people! Don’t you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.”*

## Explanation:

- You cannot serve two masters (Matthew 6:24). A double life—professing Christ while loving sin—is hypocrisy.
- Choosing the world is rejecting the cross.

## Supporting Story: Demas (2 Timothy 4:10)

- Paul laments, “Demas, having loved this present world, has deserted me.”
- Demas was once a fellow worker in ministry but fell in love with the world.
- His name is remembered as one who chose worldliness over faithfulness.

## 4. Set Your Mind on Things Above

### Key Scripture:

**Colossians 3:1–2** – *“Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above... Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.”*

### Explanation:

- Worldliness distracts us from eternal focus.
- Every believer must intentionally fix their heart on God’s purpose, not material or sensual gratification.

### Supporting Story: The Rich Young Ruler (Mark 10:17–22)

- Though religious and moral, he could not give up his wealth to follow Jesus.
- His love for worldly possessions outweighed his desire for eternal life.
- Many today are in the same condition: outwardly Christian but inwardly worldly.

# 5. Be Holy as He is Holy

## Key Scripture:

**1 Peter 1:14–16** – *“As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do.”*

## Explanation:

- Holiness is not optional for Christians.
- It means being set apart from worldly values for God's purposes.

## Supporting Story: Daniel in Babylon (Daniel 1:8)

- Though Daniel lived in a pagan land, he resolved not to defile himself.
- He refused worldly compromise, even in food.
- God honored him with wisdom, favor, and influence.

## Conclusion:

Let us examine our lives today. Is there any worldliness hiding in our speech, relationships, entertainment, fashion, business dealings, or ambitions?

Being “already” a Christian is not just about church attendance or religious talk. It is about living crucified with Christ, and the world being dead to you (Galatians 6:14).

## Final Scripture Encouragement:

**1 John 2:15–17** – *“Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in them... The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.”*

# Prayer:

*Lord, help me to live as a true reflection of Christ. Let no trace of worldliness be found in me. Cleanse my heart and mind from every compromise and fill me with the desire to pursue holiness, truth, and your will alone. Amen.*