

“This Present World”

Titus 2:11-12

Introduction

- I. As hard as it is, Christians have to live in “this present world” (John 15:18-19; 1 Cor. 5:9-11).
- II. This world presents many challenges to Christians, and we must not succumb to the temptation to assimilate.

Discussion

- I. This present world is full of evil (Gal. 1:4; 1 John 5:19)
 - A. Satan is very effective in this present world (2 Cor. 4:3-4; Eph. 2:2).
 - B. Most of the people in this present world is dead in sin (Eph. 2:1).
 - C. This present world has many that only seek to profit self, even at the expense of others (1 Pet. 4:1-5).
 - D. Christians are supposed to have put the things of this present world behind them (Rom. 1:18-32; Eph. 6:12).
- II. This present world implies that there is a world to come (Mark 10:30; Luke 18:30).
 - A. This present world is only temporary (2 Pet. 3:3-12; 1 John 2:17).
 - B. We look for that “better country” (Heb. 11:14-16).
- III. This present world is not to be loved (1 John 2:15-17).
 - A. Unfortunately, Demas loved this present world (2 Tim. 4:10; cf. Col. 4:14; Philemon 24).
 - B. We must understand that our citizenship is in Heaven (Phil. 3:18-21).
- IV. This present world must be traversed carefully (Titus 2:11-12).
 - A. Christians have a responsibility to be “transformed” instead of conforming (Rom. 12:1-2).
 - B. Christians should love those things above, not things of this present world (Col. 3:1-2).
 - C. We must use the light of God's Word to show us the way (Psm. 119:105).

Conclusion

- I. While we must live in this present world, we must never allow ourselves to be of this present world.
- II. One day we will give an account of things that we do while living in this present world (2 Cor. 5:10).