

## **GOD COMMANDS SEPARATION (II Corinthians 6:14)**

**Isaiah 6:3** The Hebrew word for “holy” and the Greek word for “holy” both have the same root meaning and that is “set apart, separated.” The word “sanctify” is translated the same, “separated.”

**Psalm 99:1-3; Isaiah 6:1-5** The Lord is absolutely separate from all that is morally unclean and is separate from all that is earthly or created because of sin.

**I Peter 1:16** Understanding what God means when we read of His holiness we can begin to understand when and why He commands us to be “holy” (separated) from all that is in the world.

## **OUR SEPARATED POSITION**

**I Corinthians 1:2** Paul reminds the church that they are “sanctified” (separated) in Jesus Christ.

**I Corinthians 6:11** Our sanctification, or separation from the world was brought about by the finished work of Jesus Christ and His blood that washed us from our every sin when we believed.

**I Thessalonians 4:7** It is important for us to see that holiness for believers is a command to separate.

**I Peter 2:9** Believers in Christ have been commanded to separate from the world just as the O.T. Jews were told to separate. The purpose is to be a “peculiar” people recognized as God's people.

## **SEPARATED AND RESPONSIBLE**

**I Peter 1:15-16** We are commanded to be “holy” (separated) in ALL conversation (life style). The command to be holy is used many, many times regarding Christians throughout the New Testament.

**Matthew 5:16** Our responsibility is to live such a separated life that all those around us can see God working through us in our every day lives. The fruits of the Spirit are to show forth in our life.

**II Timothy 2:21** Paul directed the command to be separate to both men and women. Here he commands the men to be separated from the world in order that we be “qualified” to serve God.

**Titus 2:3-5** Paul directs the elder, more mature women believers to be “holy” (separated) and to teach the other women believers how to live a Godly, separated life that pleases God.

## **TWOFOLD SEPARATION**

**Colossians 1:13** We are to be separated from darkness and translated into Christ's kingdom.

**II Corinthians 7:1** We are to cleanse ourselves from the filthiness of the flesh and mature in holiness in the fear of God.

**Romans 6:11** We are to reckon ourselves dead unto sin but alive unto God through Jesus Christ.

**Colossians 1:21-22** We were enemies of God but since salvation we are reconciled back to God.

## **SEPARATED NOT ISOLATED**

**Acts 1:8** Christians are pilgrims and strangers (**I Pt. 2:11; Heb. 11:13**) but cannot live in a hole away from everyone. We are commanded to be witnesses. We can't witness without being with others.

**II Corinthians 5:20** As ambassadors we need to bring “good news” about our King to the lost.

**Philippians 2:15** The lifestyle of believers is to be above reproach to the point of shining bright.

**Galatians 6:10** We must show forth the love of God to others by good works to brethren and the lost.

**I Timothy 3:7** Our testimony should be recognized by those around us as they watch our lifestyle and see that God is the priority we live by.