

**Bible Study**  
**Living for God, Not the World**  
**Pastor Charles A. Hall**  
**March 16, 2023**

## **Anniversary theme: Living for God, Not the World**

After seeking the Lord in prayer for a number of weeks for a theme for our 97<sup>th</sup> church anniversary. Late one evening, I received in my spirit the words, “living for God, not the world”, and I immediately knew that this was the theme God wanted for St John for such a time as this.

This theme seem to capture what I have been teaching in Bible study and preaching on Sunday’s for the past year or so.

What exactly this “Living for God, Not the World: means: It means no longer placing our own selfish desires, needs and wants above God, but rather making God’s desires and will a priority in our life. This means what God wants for us, always supersedes, what we want for ourselves in any area of our life.

- **1Colossian 1:10**

The bible let us know that living for Jesus will cost us in this life.

- **Luke 14:26-35**

Living for God means that we use our gift and to serve God and others. We should be motivated to live the way Jesus lived when He as here on earth. Remember what the Apostle Paul said to the church of Corinth:

- **1Corinthians 11:1**

### **Anniversary Theme scriptures**

**2 Corinthians 6:17** WHEREFORE COME OUT FROM AMONG THEM, AND BE YE SEPARTE, SAITH the LORD, AND TOUCH NOT THE UNCLEAN THING; AND I WILL RECEICE YOU,

- In these verses the apostle Paul is quoting Old Testament scripture from Isaiah 52:11, where the prophet Isaiah foresee a day when the unrighteous and unclean will no longer be allowed to enter the gates. In this verse the Lord is telling His people, those that are filled with His spirit to separate themselves from those who are worldly. This simply means don’t do as they do, and don’t believe what they believe is true.

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**1 John 2:15-17** 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,. (16) For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. (17) And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

- In these verses the Lord tells us not to place our affection and emotion on things that are worldly, because if we love the world, and the things in this world, we cannot love Him, because God's way is in conflict with the way of the world. In other words, a worldly life style, and Godly lifestyle are opposites. The things in the world that are in opposition to God's word, do not come from God, but rather from the prince of darkness. At the appointed time the things of the world will pass away, but those who do God will, will live forever!