

## Why Do Some Believers Still Act and Do Like the World? Bible Study – Pastor Charles A. Hall - September 30, 2021

As children of God, who have been quickened by His Spirit, and who have become spiritual creatures rather than worldly or carnal minded creatures. This means we should be seeking and pursuing things in our life that are spiritually, and heavenly rather than worldly. Our lifestyle should be one that reflect who God is, rather than one that reflect the attributes of the prince of darkness. We understand and accept the fact that some newborn believers, who now possess a new spirit, and a new nature, may still resemble the world, because of their lack of maturity, and limited exposure to the Word of God. However, this can also be true for older believers, who for whatever reason still act and live worldly. Believers who fit this category, are known as “worldly Christians,” individuals who have in fact placed their faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, but at the same time they still cling to their old ways of living. Their actual lifestyle has not changed much, they continue to live just like their unbelieving friends. Their daily motivation is not based on the true Word of God, but worldly and selfish desires.

- 1Corinthians 3:1-3

I am very much aware, that there are some that preach and teach what I consider as a false narrative, based on the Word of God. That those who have confessed their belief, and trust in Jesus Christ, can live and do anything they want in this life, and still go to heaven. They do in fact, have it half right, true believers who have made a sincere profession of faith, and have been rebirth by the spirit of God, and have been changed by the regeneration of the holy spirit, cannot lose their salvation nor their place in heaven. However, they have missed God’s Word that talk about change, those who are truly rebirth have a change agent within them, called the Holy Spirit, which will not allow them to live any kind of way, or do anything their hearts desire. They will never be perfect, but sin will not have dominion over their life. The holy spirit which is active in all true believers, moves upon our hearts and intellect to influence our daily decisions during our earthly journey. Our decisions, which are influenced by the holy spirit are in accordance with God’s commandments, rather than those rendered as a result of worldly influence or motivation.

- Galatians 5:16-26
- 1John 2:1-6
- 1John 3:6-10

Some believers in Christ, whether newborn or older, act worldly simply because they do not fully understand what a true relationship with Jesus Christ really requires of us! Some just do not want to give up their sinful ways, which gives their flesh worldly pleasure. Jesus Christ wants His followers to submit themselves to Him completely, and to make every effort daily to be more and more like Him. When we first invited Jesus Christ into our life and accepted His gift of eternal life, He could have immediately taken us to heaven and removed us from this sinful world. However, He did not, He left us on earth for a reason, to be true witnesses to a dying and perverted world! That those that are lost, and on their way to hell, might see the spiritual transformation in our lives, in hope that it will motivate them to seek the same God that saved our life! Our lifestyle should manifest the light of God, so that we can point none-believers to Christ, and thus receive eternal life.

- 1Peter 2:1-2
- Acts 1:8
- John 17:15-18

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A major concern with worldly Christians is their attraction to the world, and the wisdom of the world. Worldly wisdom is foolish in the eyesight of God since it does not line up with the true word of God. Man's wisdom is constantly trying to change the word of God into a lie, so it can fit man's lifestyle, and thus make him acceptable to Christ, however it is all vain!

- 1Corinthians 3:18-20