

What Does The Future Hold?

Joshua 3:4

Changes Occur

- World Changes
- Religious conditions change. Exodus 32; Judges 2:10ff; 1 Samuel 8; 1 Timothy 2:11-12; 1 Corinthians 14:34-35; Matthew 19:9; 2 Timothy 3:14

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We Are Not The First Generation To Confront Challenges From The World. Genesis 6

- Deuteronomy 4; 8; 28-30; Joshua 21; 23 etc.
- Jeremiah 5:30-31; 6:10-16; 8:18:ff; 9:1 Lament over the desperate state of Zion.
- 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 Conditions in Corinth. cf. Acts 18:10; cf. 1 Corinthians 5-7
- 1 John 2:15ff

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The Sinful State Of The World Can Help

Christians To Shine. Matthew 5:13ff; Philippians 2:14-16; 1 Timothy 4:12

- World often sees hypocrisy. cf. 1 Timothy 4:1-2; Matthew 23:15, 29-33
 - John 5:44, *"How can ye believe, which receive honor one of another, and seek not the honor that cometh from God only?"*
 - Micah 6:8, *"He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth Jehovah require of thee, but to do justly, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with thy God."*

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We Must Teach Our Children How To Live In A Wicked World.

- 1 John 5:19, *"We know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in the evil one."*
- Deuteronomy 4:9-10; 6:6ff; 20ff; Deuteronomy 31:9-13; etc.
- Exodus 12:24; Joshua 4:20ff
- Ephesians 6:4

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Christians Must Not Overlook The Importance Of Righteousness And Its Effect Upon A Wicked World.

- Christians are the salt of the earth. Matthew 5:13 Proverbs 14:34, *"Righteousness exalteth a nation; But sin is a reproach to any people"* cf. Genesis 18:23-33
- Sin is likened to leaven. 1 Corinthians 5:6
- Christians can make a difference. cf. Titus 2:11-12

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■ There Is Reason For Optimism.

Romans 1:16-17, *“For I am not ashamed of the gospel: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is revealed a righteousness of God from faith unto faith: as it is written, *But the righteous shall live by faith.*”*

NOTE: Isaiah 2:2ff; Daniel 2:44; Luke 24:44; Acts 2:21; Romans 10:11ff; Colossians 1:23

Mark 16:15

“Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to the whole creation.”

➤ The “unlikely” just may listen and obey

- *Religious/Gentile* – Cornelius (Acts 10)
- *Non-Religious* – Simon (Acts 8:9-13)
- *Worldly* – Corinthians (Acts 18:8; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11)
- *Ignorant* – Jews (Acts 2:23; 3:17)
- *Persecutor* – Saul (Acts 8:3; 9:1-2; 1 Timothy 1:15)
- *Political* – Jailer (Acts 16:31-33)

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➤ Gospel Message – Redemption / Salvation

- *How we are saved?* (1 Corinthians 15:1-4)
- *Peter’s sermon – salvation from sin.* (Acts 2)
- *Paul’s sermon on Mars Hill – salvation.* (Acts 17:22-31)

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Joshua 24:15,

“And if it seem evil unto you to serve Jehovah, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve Jehovah.”

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2 Corinthians 6:2, “Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”