

"And we know that we are of God, and THE WHOLE WORLD lieth in wickedness." 1 John 5:19 KJV



What does “the whole world” mean? What do you mean when you say, “the whole world”? When it says in the Bible, “For God so loved the world,” it means all human beings. Believers are IN the world, but they are not OF the world. Jesus prayed, “I have given them (believers) Thy Word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not OF the world, even as I am not OF the world. I pray not that Thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not OF the world, even as I am not OF the world. Sanctify them through Thy Truth: Thy Word is Truth.” You may not be OF Sri Lanka, but, if there, you are certainly IN Sri Lanka. When Adam disobeyed God’s Word and believed Satan, God cursed the universe! “The WHOLE CREATION groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.” There were no biting insects in Eden; no thorns; no thistles; no weeds; no storms; no cold; no unbearable heat; no famines; no pestilences; no tears; no sorrow. As beautifully majestic the universe is, it is cursed! Are the Ten Commandments proudly displayed in McDonald’s? Does Burger King promote giving thanks to God for their repast? Can you name one place outside of the Believer’s Assembly or homes where God is even given notice? The cemetery, perhaps? “The WHOLE WORLD lieth in wickedness.” I think we’ve had evil’s viper in our homes so long it has become a pet snake of which we are no longer wary; accustomed to the blinding spray of its venom and no longer aware of its numbing effect. Believers are no longer different or “peculiar” IN the world, because they have camouflaged faith with friendship. “Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God?” God is quite adamant about His relationships. “He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad. For the LORD thy God is...even a jealous God.” Just as the world vehemently rejects Truth, God rejects evil. You can’t obey God and be friends with unbelievers. Treat them with kindness and compassion, yes, but “God is angry with the wicked EVERY day.” If you stand next to a lightning rod; don’t complain if struck by lightning! Befriend the world and you will receive God’s Wrath when it falls on them. Remember Lot? He lost everything, but his daughters, and even they were a canker to him!

The wicked, to death, swiftly go,
Befriending them makes one God’s foe,
Their judgment, too, will be your own,
And you will find yourself alone. ~CGP

Get evil out of your thoughts, house, and life and the curse will lift from around you. How often have you laughed at TV sitcoms or a commercial with open immorality? Those who sell liquid poison make witty commercials and believers chuckle right along with the wicked! You think God is pleased? Do you even think? Are you numbed by evil’s venom? Do you even feel the pin-prick of Truth anymore? It’s time for Truth’s anti-venom: “Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true...honest...just...pure...lovely...of good report; (Here’s the qualifier) IF there be any VIRTUE (purity), and IF there be any PRAISE, THINK on these things. Philippians 4:8” IF we consistently applied this to our thoughts, I wonder what would change?

"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." 1 John 2:15 KJV