



MINISTERIAL QUARTERLY FORUM
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+FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS+
 [*with Self, with the World and with the Church Family*]
“Christian Relationship with the World”
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“Christians Relationship with the World”

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Family Relationships:
with Self,
 (Presented by Steve Boone)
with the Church Family
 (Presented by Jonathan Carson)
and, with the World.
 (Presented by Ezra Ledger)

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Key Scripture




**1 John 2:15-16; Romans 12:2; 1 Peter 2:9
John 15:19; John 17:16; Matthew 5; Mark 16:15-16**

“Let the Word of God Dwell in you Richly..... “ Colossians 3:16

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Family relationships are essential characteristics for all believers in all aspects of life, be it with self, the church community or with the world.
God desires His children to live in this world to Glorify, Honour and Worship Him in Spirit and in Truth; and as such, they will effectively make preparation for their eternal life in His Kingdom

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...our relationship with the world should be as called-out and set apart believers, to uphold biblical doctrine and values, such as Faith, Love, Peace, etc. (Fruit of the Spirit);
....to provide a moral foundation and a positive living witness to a world in which family structures are increasingly unstable and being eroded by the snares of the adversary.

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...Our relationship with the world should also be one of Spiritual Mission and Evangelism, meaning that we should bring men and women out of this world into the Marvellous Light of Jesus Christ, Our Lord and soon Coming King.

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Introduction:

Physically as Christians believers, we live in this world, therefore it is important to our salvation to define our relationship with the world.

Our relationship as Christians with the world has to be a chosen and careful balance one, and is mainly two (2) fold:

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This relationship with the world is conveyed in the following scriptures: “in the world, but not of the world” is found in [John 17:16](#), “They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world”. Jesus also addresses this in [John 15:19](#), where He states, “If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world... therefore the world hateth you”.

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Other related scriptures include **Romans 12:2**: "And be not conformed to this world: but be transformed by the renewing of your mind". This verse encourages believers not to adopt the world's standards but to be transformed by a renewed mind.

- ❖ Therefore, On one hand, Christians are to be "in the world" in order to interact with and influence it;
- ❖ And on the other hand, Christians should "not of the world" by not conforming to its sinful ways and behaviours.

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Put simple, it means that as believers, we should love the people of the world while rejecting the world's immoral practices, systems and desires, but instead, Christians should be focusing on living a life of righteousness and good deeds that reflects Christ's teachings.

As Christians, we are called to serve God rather than "mammon" (material wealth) and to maintain a distinct identity that is a positive influence.

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The main aspects of this relationship are:

To be in the world:

- Christians are to live among non-believers and not isolate themselves. The goal is to have a positive influence on those who are not of the faith, to be the "light" and "salt" ... of the world (earth).

Jesus Christ our example, urged that we should...." Let your light so shine before men..." (**Matthew 5:16**). This verse tells us to live an openly and authentically Christian life, allowing our conduct to testify to God's goodness in a way that positively impacts the world and also, that we must be the light in this dark world.

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Also, we are reminded that as Christians, “we are the Salt of the earth...” ([Matthew 5:13](#)), according to the scripture, Jesus was telling His followers that they are meant to preserve and influence the world, just as salt was used to preserve food and add flavour in ancient times and even to this day.

This means Christians are called to have a positive and preserving impact on the world and to share their faith, which influences the world by preserving what is good and right in the sight of God.

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Additionally, an important aspect of our relationship with the world is to bring the good news of salvation to it. In doing so, we will be carrying out the Great Commission indicated in [Mark 16:15-16](#): ¹⁵ And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶ He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

See Ephesians 2:19

♦ This particular task is like being an ambassador of your country living in another country... while in that country, you represent the policies and instructions of your country... and your loyalty is for your country... so, yes, you are in that country, but you are not a citizen there.

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Many of us are aware and dedicatedly sing this Song. 227 (WIS)....

Far, far away, in heathen darkness dwelling, Millions of souls forever may be lost; Who, who will go, salvation’s storytelling, looking to Jesus, heeding not the cost.

All power is given unto Me, all power is given unto Me, go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel, and lo, I am with you always.”

This song is encouraging us to carry out the Great Commission as Jesus told us to do...

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John 3:16-17: ¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

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Let's have a closer look at this verse:

- Not to be of the world:
 - This means rejecting the world's values, particularly the "lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life".
 - Christians should not conform to the world's sinful behaviours or corrupt ways of thinking and acting.
 - The focus should be on God's will, not on worldly possessions or fleeting desires.
- **Ecclesiastes 1:14**, "I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit. King Solomon, reflects on the futility and emptiness of life's pursuits. It suggests that all human endeavours—wealth, pleasure, work, and wisdom—are ultimately fleeting and unsatisfying, like a vapor or "breath"

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- Love people, not the system or their ways:
 - A key distinction is to love the people who live in the world, as God loves them.
 - **1 John 2:15-17:** ¹⁵ Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man loves 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.
 - However, this does not mean accepting or participating in the sinful patterns and systems that are part of the world. In **Revelation 18:4:** "And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues".

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- ❑ Live righteously:
 - To live righteously, Christians should daily apply biblical teachings to their lives in areas like work, relationships, and finances, and in all that we do or say!
 - This involves having a changed heart and mind that is being conformed to Christ's character. In [1 Peter 2:9](#); “But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light”.

Our relationship with the world should not be one of rewards, nor gain... as this world is not our own, we are just passing through.

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❑ Example of The Christian Relationship with the World:

Daniel, ([Daniel 6:22](#)) Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego ([Daniel 3:17-18](#)) give us a good example of how today Christians should relate with the world. The four friends lived in Babylon, worked diligently with all honesty, excelled, and were elevated but never lost track of who they were – they were in the Babylon system but not of the system. Christians are simply in the world—physically present—but not of it, not part of its values ([John 17:14-15](#)).

We are not to engage in the sinful activities the world promotes, nor are we to retain the corrupt mind that the world creates. Rather, we are to conform ourselves, and our minds, to that of Jesus Christ ([Romans 12:1-2](#)).

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Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world—therefore the world hates you”. As the Christian relates with the world hatred is to be expected but being in the world and not of it, is necessary if we are to be a light to those who are in spiritual darkness ([Matthew 5:14-16](#)).

However, being “in” the world also means we can enjoy the things of the world, such as the beautiful creation God has given us, but we are not to immerse ourselves in what the world values, nor are we to chase after worldly pleasures. Pleasure is no longer our calling in life, as it once was, but rather the worship of God.

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CONCLUSION:

While Believers must live in this present world, while at the same time commit to winning souls for Christ coming Kingdom, we must also promote healthy spiritual relationships that would ultimately lead us to live eternally life with Jesus Christ, Our Lord and King.

Our relationship with the world is to be positive influence, sharing the word of God in Spirit and in truth to bring men and women of this world into the family of God.

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Relationship is a very vital aspect of human existence as it represents our connection to one another, to our families, fellow Christians, neighbours, nation, the world and God. It involves affinity, love, association and connection. As such, we must build and promote relationship that are based on God commandments and the faith of Jesus, so that they can be lasting.

As I end, I want to recommend two (2) scriptures for your continued study on this topic:

- [1 Corinthians 9:22](#) by the Apostle Paul... Being all things to all men.
- [1 Peter 2](#) by the Apostle Peter... Christians are a chosen and holy people, called to grow in faith, live an honourable in the world, and follow the example of Christ.

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We are the Family of God

We are Church of God


“The Foundation of My FAITH”

**THANK YOU &
God’s Blessings to all.**

...built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief Cornerstone, Ephesians 2:20

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Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. **1 John 2:15**

IN IT. NOT OF IT.

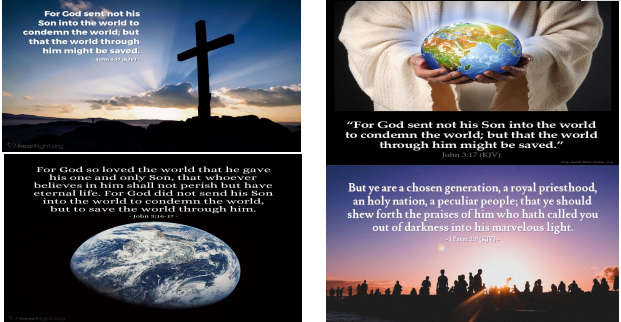
Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - His good, pleasing and perfect will.

ROMANS 12:2

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For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. **John 3:17**

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. **John 3:16**

“For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.” **John 3:17**

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. **1 Peter 2:9**

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