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Directory Correction

Calvin Cree's email address should be
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Next Sunday is Mother's Day

Business Meeting
postponed until
May 18

Speaker for Today

Thank you, Thome West

May Birthdays

15 Kena Brown

May Anniversaries

5 Aaron & Esmeralda McCollum 5 Calvin & Paige Cree

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.

Sunday.....10:45 a.m.

Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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***"Trust in the Lord with all
your heart and do not lean on
your own understanding."***

Proverb 3:5

- ***"Fight the good fight"***
- ***"Keep the faith"***
- ***"Finish the course"***

Be Separated from the World

By David R. Ferguson

"Come out from among them, and be ye separate,' saith the Lord." (2 Corinthians 6:17)

This text touches a subject of vast importance in religion. That subject is the great duty of separation from the world. In every age of the church since its inception, separation from the world has always been one of the grand pieces of evidence of a work of grace in the heart. He that has been really born of the Spirit, and made a new creature in Christ Jesus, has always endeavored to *"come out from the world,"* and live a separate life.

The world is a source of great danger to the soul. God's creation is wonderful and good. I'm not talking about that. I'm talking about the pursuit of vain riches and glory, and the desire to please the carnal nature. That's worldly and dangerous for a Christian. Sin, in all its forms, must be denounced and avoided by those professing to be followers of the Lord. The Apostle Paul says, ***"Be not conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind"*** (Romans 12:2). ***"We have received, not the spirit of this world, but the Spirit which is of God"*** (1 Corinthians 2:12). ***"Christ gave Himself for us that He might rescue us from this***

present evil world" (Galatians 1:4). *"In time past ye walked according to the **course of this world**" (Ephesians 2:2). *"Demas hath forsaken me, having **loved this present world**" (2 Timothy 4:10).**

James said, *"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to **keep himself unspotted from the world**" (James 1:27). *"Know ye not that the **friendship of the world is enmity with God**? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God" (James 4:4).**

And John wrote, *"**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. 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. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof, but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever" (1 John 2:15-17). *"**The world knoweth us not**, because it knew Him not" (1 John 3:1). *"They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them" (1 John 4:5). *"Whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world" (1 John 5:4). *"We know that we are of God and the **whole world lieth in wickedness**" (1 John 5:19).*****

But being separate from the world does not mean we should be isolated from the world: *"Even so **let your light shine before men**; that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father Who is in Heaven" (Matthew 5:16)* The key here is letting the world see our good works. We can't do that if we are of the world. Always keep God first in your heart.

LET YOUR
LIGHT
shine
Matthew 5:16

love
is patient,
love is kind.
It does not envy,
it does not boast,
it is not proud.
It does not dishonor others,
it is not self-seeking,
it is not easily angered,
it keeps no record of wrongs.
Love does not delight in evil
but rejoices with the truth.
It always protects,
always trusts,
always hopes,
always perseveres.
love never fails
1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Mother's Day...Next Sunday

