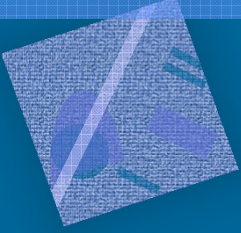


“Not Of The World”



John 17:11-23

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Introduction

- *We are affected by temptations and trials in this world.*
- *Certainly there are those who are not Christians that look at this as a reason to reject God.*

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Introduction

- *Unfortunately, trials occur within the church also.*
- *So then, there are those in the church who see this as a weakness and question or reject God.*

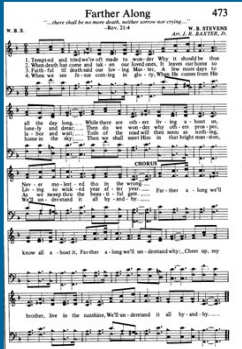
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Temptations/Trials

- *All people are affected by the world that God has created.*
 - *Matthew 5:45 – “sendeth rain on the just and the unjust”*
- *We all worry or are anxious about various things.*
 - *Ecclesiastes 1:13-18 – “it is a sore travail”*

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Temptations/Trials



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Jesus Was Tempted

- *Jesus, Himself, as a man, was tried by Satan and the things of this world.*
 - *Matthew 4:1-11 – “to be tempted of the devil”*
 - *II Peter 3:9 – “not wishing that any should perish”*
 - *James 1:13 – “he himself tempteth no man”*

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Paul Was Tempted

- *He was tried physically.*
– II Corinthians 11:23-27 – “in perils ...”
- *He was tried spiritually.*
– II Corinthians 11:28 – “anxiety for all the churches”

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Early Christians Were Tempted

- *Galatians 5:15-16* – “bite and devour”
- *Colossians 3:5-9* – “Put to death therefore ...”
- *II Peter 2:1* – “false teachers”
- *I Peter 4:3-5* – “same excess of riot”

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Why Do We, As Christians, Have These Problems?

- *Because we are humans, just like everyone else.*
- *We try to overcome but, too often, fail*
– Romans 7:13-25 – “the evil which I would not ...”

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How Is Our Situation Better Than That Of The World?

- *Unlike the world – We are trying*
– Philippians 3:13-14 – “I press on”
- *Unlike the world – We have hope*
– I Thessalonians 4:13 – “who have no hope”
- *Unlike the world – We are chosen*
– I Peter 2:9 – “a royal priesthood”¹⁰

How Is Our Situation Better Than That Of The World?

- *Unlike the world – We are holy*
– I Peter 2:9 – “a holy nation”
- *Unlike the world – We can make it to heaven if we “press on.”*
– I Peter 4:18 – “if the righteous is scarcely saved ...”

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“What Must I Do To Be Saved?”

- *Hear the Word of God*
– Romans 10:8 – “which we preach”
- *Believe in that Word*
– Romans 10:11 – “Whosoever believeth”
- *Repent of your sins*
– Acts 3:19 – “turn again”
- *Confess that Jesus is the Son of God*
– I John 4:15 – “God abideth in him”
- *Be immersed in water (baptized)*
– Acts 2:38 – “remission of your sins”¹²

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