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The difference between the world and the world with the Holy Spirit

"Careful what you take part in"

Ever feel like life never quits kicking when you're down? Or feel like if you could just have a little peace everything would get better? You're absolutely correct! Would you like to know the way out of life's mess and into that peace that can free you and make everything better? Then read below and be ready with an open heart to except it.

The World and what it has to offer:

When you think of the world what do you think of? Is it just a place to live and breathe? Or, is there more to it than that? If you think it's just a place to live and breathe, be open to some new thought on the subject.

This world (earth) has been given to us by God. And, in it is the presence of evil (devil). God through the sacrifice of His son Jesus Christ has enhanced His link to us by giving us His Holy Spirit. We live and breathe here in this world along with the presence of evil and cannot choose to live elsewhere. We can however, choose to live here in this world with the presence of evil all around us and remain separated from the evil by staying connected to God through the guidance of the Holy Spirit (sanctified).

The world and the presence of evil:

The things of this world; everything we see, hear, smell, touch, taste, and fear; all have evil in or around them. Have you ever done something that you didn't feel good about? Sure, we all have. Afterward, did you convince yourself, "There's nothing wrong with this, its normal"? Was this simply to stop having that feeling that it was bad? It's

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these common things that we all do, say, participate in, and listen to that add up and cause stress, fear, and anxiety. They *can* even build up to the point that we generate thoughts of suicide or murder. The bottom line is, we all can be overwhelmed by the world.

Some worldly things that have abundance of evil influence on us and at the same time they help us to say “There’s nothing wrong with this, its normal” are: television, music, movies, advertisements, clubs, bars, video games, parties, etc. When we take part in these things the evil influence begins to drag us down. Inherently these things have taught us our entire lives to cover that bad feeling by convincing ourselves, “There’s nothing wrong with this, its normal.” These things also, have taught us to desire extremes. They force us into trying to live as high and mighty as we can. We try our hardest to have the nicest things and fight the rest of society for status and recognition. In addition, these things have taught us to use our brains in every situation to worry and stress ourselves until the situation passes or the outcome is to our liking.

The more we embrace the things that give us that bad feeling or we continue to embrace the same things over and over, the more we have comfort in them. With that comfort the bad feeling begins to subside, we become more separated from our connection with God, and our lives become more difficult. This is when it might look to those around us that we’ve got everything together but, unknown to them life is really terrible.

Of all the things in this world that we take part in there is also the product or outcome of doing so. The evil in this world is clever at disguising its self as acceptable and worthy of our time and attention. What is the outcome of our indulgence in the things I mentioned before that make us feel bad and eventually want more than we need? The answer is an increase of our sinful nature. **What does a sinful nature consist of?** Sexual immorality, impurity & debauchery, idolatry & witchcraft, hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, orgies and things of the like.

Look in the mirror:

If the world has left us thinking to ourselves, “I’m a good person I don’t have any need, nor do I desire to change” then, thinking on how much of the sinful nature is in us is a way for us to look in the mirror. We need to examine closely the products of a sinful nature one at a time and apply them to ourselves. The people in our lives may see that we have a crumb of food on our face but until we look in the mirror and see for ourselves the claim is invalid. We think to ourselves: “They don’t know what their talking about, I’m not a messy eater.” In the same manner we need to look in the mirror to see the status of our lives and acknowledge where we stand with God.

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The world around us and the presence of the Holy Spirit:

When taking part in those worldly things that have an abundance of evil influence on us we can choose to seek God and follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Why would anyone want to follow guidance from the Holy Spirit? When Jesus ascended to heaven He left behind the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit was left with us (inside each of us) giving all who believe in Jesus Christ, complete separation from sin. Do we have hatred in our hearts? Maybe we have a drinking problem, suffer because of our jealousy, or undergo fits of rage that have destroyed relationships in our lives. I've seen myself in the mirror over the past few years and my belief in Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit has given me freedom from sin. (That's a bold statement I know and I would have to take an entirely different direction in writing to explain the entire process of all it has done in me.) The point is that this freedom from sin is attainable for all of us.

Here are some things that have no sin attached to them (potential sin exists only if the people involved are not exercising the power over sin that comes from true belief in Jesus Christ): bible study, fellowship, church service, praise & worship, prayer, etc. Inherently, these things instill in us **the fruit of the spirit: love, wisdom, knowledge, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law!** Also, these things teach us to support one another. They teach us how to raise our children, how to raise each other up in times of need and all the time, and how to trust. Most importantly, they teach us how to trust God with our sin. God also, alleviates the stress and worry the evil of the world would hold over us. When we give up our sin to God completely; He delivers peace to us. God's peace surpasses all understanding and will guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.

We need to examine all that the world has to offer (everything). Look at: television, music, movies, advertisements, clubs, bars, video games, parties, bible study, fellowship, church service, praise & worship, prayer; everything. Find the things that revolve around **the fruit of the Spirit: love, wisdom, knowledge, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.** Then, **stop taking part in everything else; stop glorifying the sinful things: Sexual immorality, impurity & debauchery, idolatry & witchcraft, hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, orgies and things of the like.** Once the good and bad things in our lives have been identified and separated, make a plan of action to pursue the good things and avoid the sinful things.

If we believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God, He came to die for our sins, and He arose on the third day to be in heaven with God the Father then, we can call on the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit rids us of our sinful nature. We can speed the process by identifying our personal sin and asking Him to remove it through prayer and repentance.

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Without true belief in Christ Jesus we do not have, through the Holy Spirit, complete separation from sin. If personally we have not accepted Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, we should consider Him before trying to defeat the sin in our lives. Jesus paid the ultimate price for sin in order that we would be cleansed of all sin and be given eternal life through His sacrificial death on the cross. (See the attached prayer)

In summary, when we take part in the things that glorify God or simply are represented by the presence of the fruit of the spirit we start to adjust to them. Our souls begin healing, this allows our thinking to begin leaning towards holiness and away from sin, and we are delivered into the presence of God. In the presence of God; His peace that surpasses all understanding will come upon us and cover us. This is the way out of life's mess and into that peace that can set you free and make everything better.

God Bless all who read this teaching.

Attached:
Prayer of Salvation

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That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

Romans 10:9-10

Prayer of Salvation

If you have never invited Jesus, to be your Lord and Savior, speak the following prayer from your heart and you will experience a new life in Christ.

Father in heaven,

You loved the world so much, You gave Your only begotten Son to die for our sins so that whoever believed in Him will not perish, but have eternal life.

I confess with my mouth that Jesus Christ is Your Son. I believe He died on the cross for me and bore all of my sins, paying the price for them. I believe in my heart that You raised Jesus from the dead.

I ask You to forgive my sins. I confess Jesus as my Lord. According to Your Word I am saved and will spend eternity with You! Thank You, Father. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Also See:

John 3:16

Ephesians 2:8-9

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

1 John 1:9; 4:14-16; 5:1, 12-13