

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. —Romans 12:1-2 ESV

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## Exclusions

Paul is not referring to...

- the planet.
- the people. (John 3:16)
- all pleasure.

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**“Aion” = “an age”**

It is a period of time marked by certain moral and spiritual trends and characteristics.

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## Inclusions

**Evil Ruler of the World**  
(1 John 5:19; Ephesians 6:11-12)

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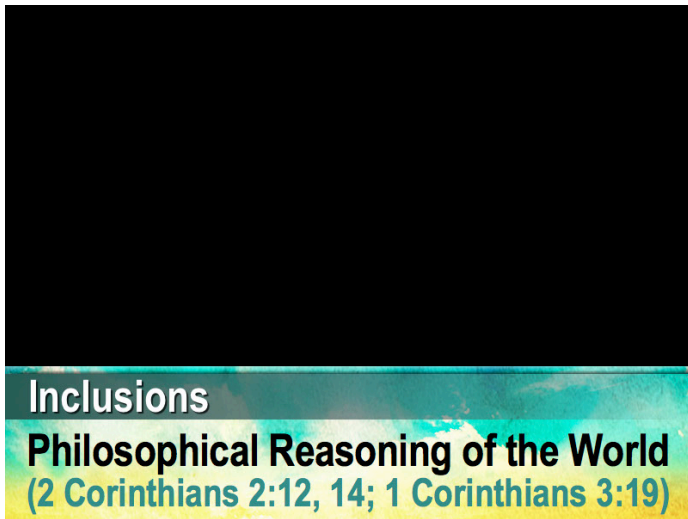
In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

—2 Corinthians 4:4 ESV

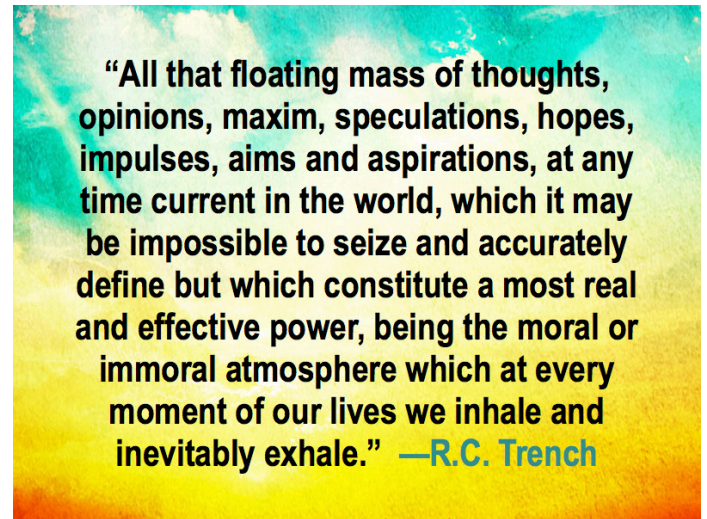
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**“The world is an instrument of Satan and his ungodly influence in pandemic.”**  
—John MacArthur

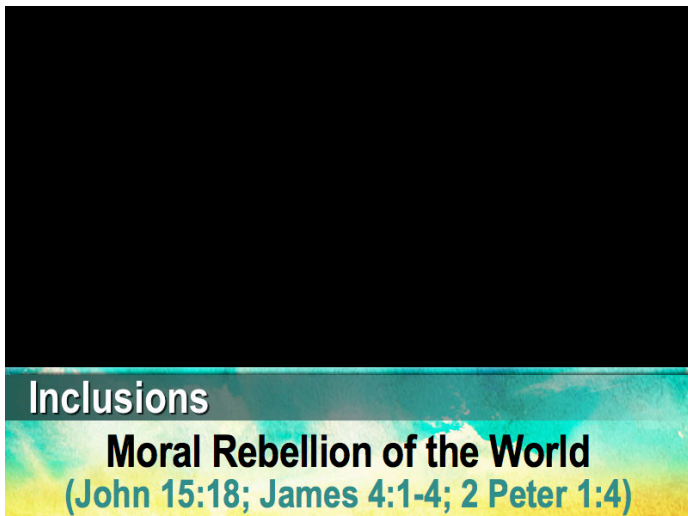
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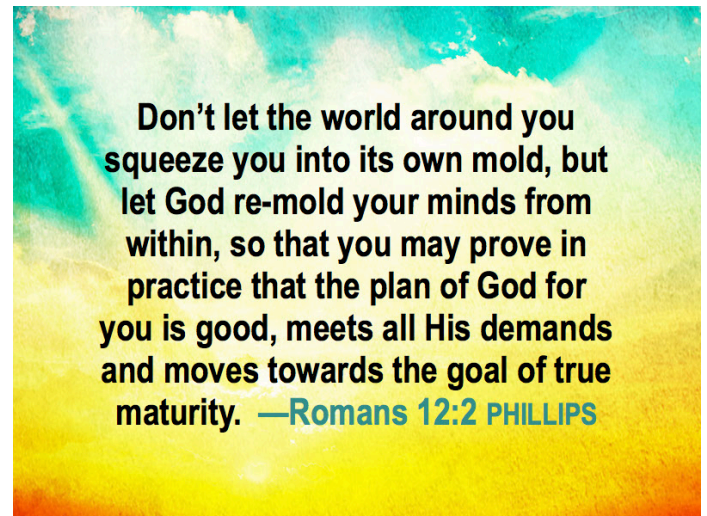
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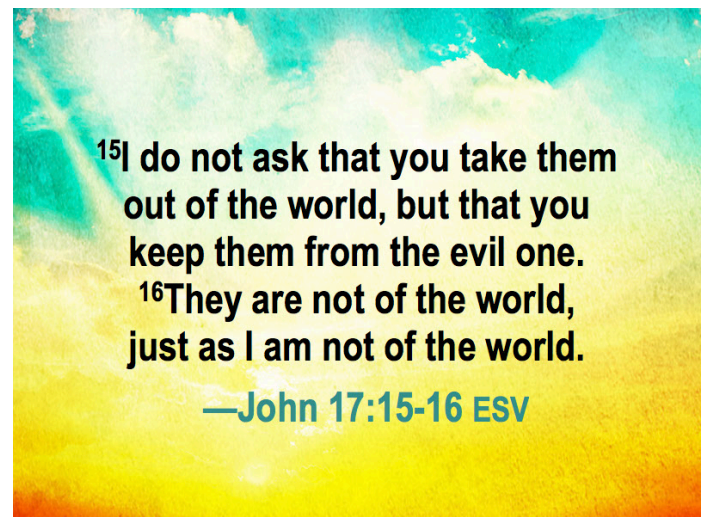
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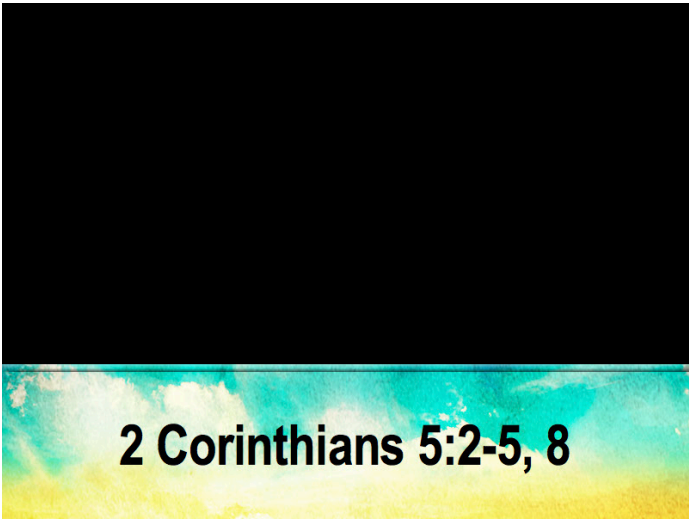
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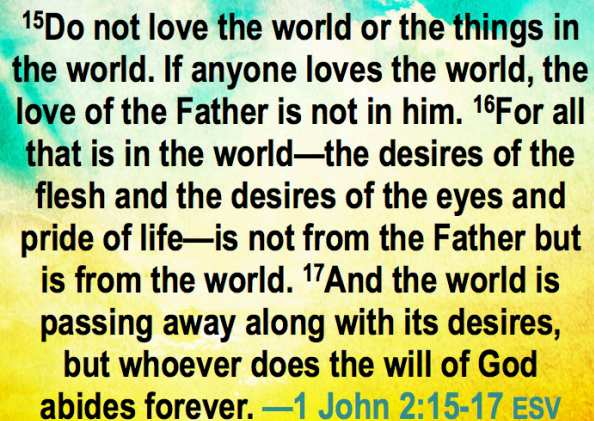


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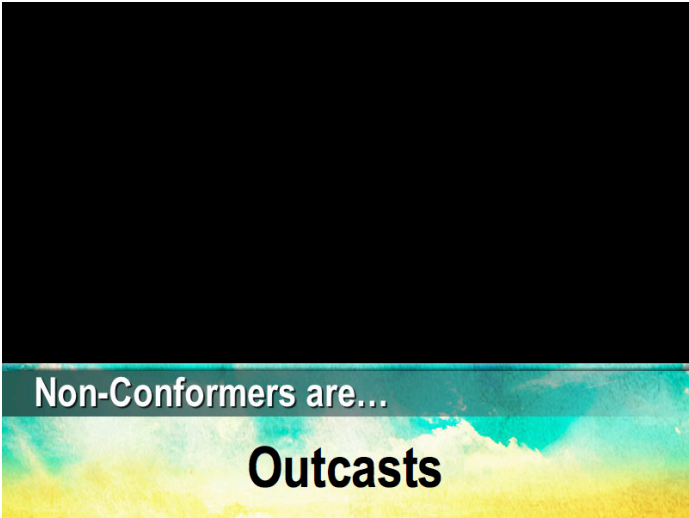
## 2 Corinthians 5:2-5, 8

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<sup>15</sup>Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup>For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. <sup>17</sup>And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever. —1 John 2:15-17 ESV

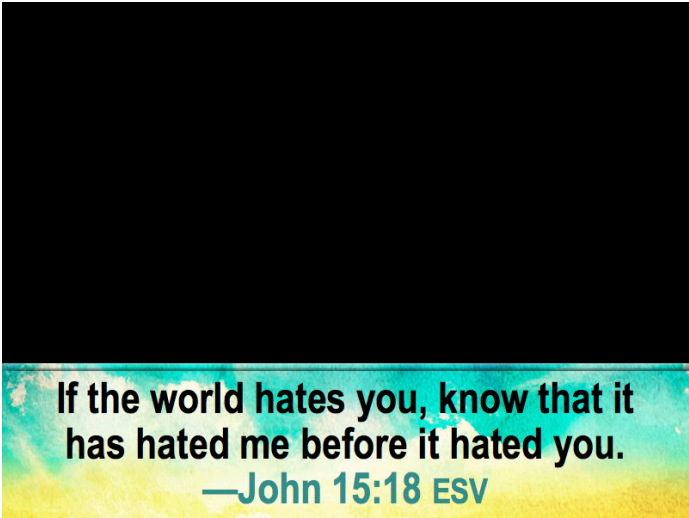
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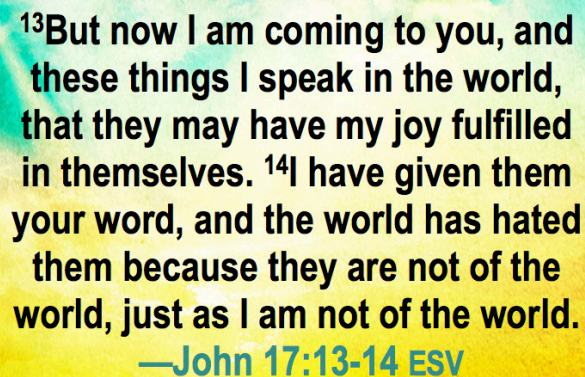
## Outcasts

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If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you.  
—John 15:18 ESV

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<sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.  
—John 17:13-14 ESV

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Non-Conformers are...

## Rescue Workers

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**<sup>17</sup>But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>They said to you, “In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions.” <sup>19</sup>It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit.**

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**<sup>20</sup>But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, <sup>21</sup>keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. <sup>22</sup>And have mercy on those who doubt; <sup>23</sup>save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh. —Jude 1:17-23 ESV**

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**Non-Conformers are...**

**Lovers of God**

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**2 Timothy 3:1-4**

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**<sup>11</sup>For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, <sup>12</sup>training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, <sup>13</sup>waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,**

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**<sup>14</sup>who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.**

**—Titus 2:11-14 ESV**

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Non-Conformers are...

## Disciple Makers

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**<sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”**

—Matthew 28:18-20 ESV

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**To the weak I became weak,  
that I might win the weak.  
I have become all things to  
all people, that by all means  
I might save some.**

—1 Corinthians 9:22 ESV

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**“Believers have the unique privilege and tension-filled opportunity to live in the present ‘evil age’ as members of the age to come. Therein lies the thrill of much Christian living. It is relatively easy for Christians who are aware of the tension to handle it by withdrawing from their contemporary society and protecting their spirituality by developing a ghetto mentality (outside church walls) and a greenhouse environment (inside church walls).”**

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**“Conversely, others simply identify with their age and culture without thought or question and become totally indistinguishable from the pagans among whom they live... The committed life, however, is shown by the degree in which a believer stays in the secular world without being trapped by it and without failing to be a witness to it. The tension is aptly described by the Master’s words: ‘in the world but not of it.’” —Stuart Briscoe**

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