**Dead to the World - John 17: 14 -16**

**Focal Truth: Jesus Christ prayed for believers to be in the world but not like the world**

John 17:11 – the Lord Jesus prayed for believers because they remain **in the world**

John 17:14 -16 – the Lord Jesus prayed for believers who are in the world, not to be like the world

Our Lord’s request to the Father is that believers **live in the world distinct from the world**

**Observations**

1. **The Lord Jesus gave His words to believers so that they might not be like the world 17:14**

*I have given them your word, and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world*

1. The Lord Jesus words **bring joy to the believer in the world** – 17:13 – now I come to you, and these things I speak in the world so that they may have My joy made full in themselves
2. The Lord Jesus **is the Word of God** – **sent from God**, **to speak for God** in the world John 1:1 – in the beginning was the Word…John1:14 – and the Word became flesh & dwelt among us
3. The words of the Lord Jesus Christ **give eternal life to those who receive them**

John 5:24 – he who hears My word and believes Him who sent me has eternal life

John 8:31 – If you continue in my word then you are truly disciples of mine

John 17:8 – for the words which you gave me I have given to them, and they received them & truly understood that I came forth from You, an they believed that you sent Me

1. The words of the Lord Jesus Christ are **the words of God the Father**

John 14:23 -24 – if anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My words, and the word which you hear is no Mine, but he Fathers who sent Me

1. The words of the Lord Jesus Christ **cleanse from sin**

John 15:3 – you are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you

1. The words of the Lord Jesus Christ **are the gospel of salvation**

Acts 6:7 – the word of God kept spreading, & the number of disciples continued to increase greatly….

1. **The Lord Jesus prayed for believers who are hated by the world because they are not like the world but like Jesus– 17:14.**

*I have given them your word, and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world*

**The worlds hatred for believers**

* The world hates those who **do not live like them** – John 15:19 – if you were of the world, the world would love its own…
* The world hates **those who love Jesus Christ** – Luke 21:17 – you will be hated by all because of My name
* The world hates **those who do not conform to their ways** – 1 Pet 4:3 – the time past is sufficient for you to have carried out the desire of the Gentiles, having pursued a course of sensuality, lusts, drunkenness, carousing, drinking parties and abominable idolatries. In all this, they are surprised that you do not run with them into the same excesses of dissipation, and they malign you
* Believers should **never be surprised by the hatred of the world for the Lord Jesus & for them** – 1 John 3:13 – do not be surprised, brethren, if the world hates you

1. **The Lord Jesus prayed that believers who live in the world be protected from the devil in the world – 17:15**

*I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one*

1. The real enemy of the believer who is not like the world is the devil 1 John 5:19 – we know that we are of God, & that the whole world lies in the power of the evil one
2. The Lord will protect believers from the devil – 2 Thess. 3:3 – but the Lord is faithful, & He will strengthen & protect you from the evil one
3. Believers have victory over the devil when we stand & resist Him – James 4:7 – submit to God. Resist the devil & he will flee from you

**Things to Remember & Do**

1. Believers in Christ do not belong to the world’s ways
2. The words of the Lord Jesus Christ give believers everything they need in the world
3. Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour – 1 Pet. 5:8
4. Resist the devil with firm faith in God – but resist him, firm in your faith… - 1 Pet. 5:9

**To the praise of the glory of His grace! The Lord is near to the door! Come Lord Jesus!**