

“Not of the World!”

Main Passage(s): John 17:13-26; 21:15-22; 2 Tim. 2:3-7, 19-22; 3:1-5

A. THE CALL TO SANCTIFICATION (HOLINESS) (John 17:13-19)

- 1) **1 Thess. 4:1-3, 7** – “As for other matters, brothers and sisters, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more. ² For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus. ³ It is God’s will that you should be sanctified...⁷ For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.”
- 2) **APPLICATION:** See Article “The Cannabis Act: A Biblical Response”

B. THE CALL TO UNITY (John 17:20-23)

- 1) **Eph. 4:1-3** – “As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”
- 2) **Col. 3:12-14** – “¹² Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”

C. THE CALL TO LOVE (John 17:24-26)

- 1) **John 13:34-35** – “³⁴ A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”
- 2) **1 John 4:10-11** – “¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”

D. “FOLLOW ME!” (John 21:15-22)

- 1) **John 21:17-19** – “¹⁷ Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.” ¹⁹ Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, “Follow me!”

BENEDICTION: Acts 20:32 – “Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.”