

For we live IN this world (A Three Part Article; Part I)

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Where do we live?

Rhetorical question I know but it provides some thought. We live IN the world.



The world is made up of all different types of creatures, more specifically God made this world for people to cultivate and grow in (Genesis 1:26-28). God created the neighbors next door, the homeless in the streets, the different colors of everyone, and He created all of us in His own image. Every one of us is created in God's image! So why are we turning away people and getting angered with people so easily?!

God wants us to respect others and not give them the bird when they cut us off or to be irritated when the boss asks more of you (Philippians 2:14). We live IN the world, the world sees us. There are many times that God prompts us to reach out to all people (Isaiah 1:17, Psalm 82:2-4, Job 6:14, Zechariah 7:9, Galatians 6:2). Jesus even tells the disciples "...Love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back." (Luke 6:35a). What do these scriptures say? Other people must matter to the believers in Christ.



We need to care for those IN the world such as: the hungry, poor, those different than ourselves, and ones unable to fend for themselves. The church must look for and uphold the people in the

world! Why would God continuously tell us to love one another and others (John 15:12, Romans 12:9, 1 John 3:16-18) if it wasn't important. God gave us the gift of life, our freedom of choice, and a way to live out days of beauty and wonder (John 3:16). But why does He not just

take us up with Him, why did He not do so back in the biblical times? God's blessing to us and the reason for the believers in Christ to continue living on this Earth is for the people IN the world. For where do we live, I ask again. We live IN the world.

I would also like all readers to listen to these two songs and listen to the lyrics and think about the love that we need to have for all people. These two songs are a Hip-Hop genre which resonates very well with me. Please comment any songs that make you think of this topic.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OyszRPIUla0> Walls-Derek Minor ft. Urban Rescue

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ehr3w3CgRbQ> Human Dignity-Flame