

# Biblical Separation

**Lev 20:7-8** Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the LORD your God.  
8 And ye shall keep my statutes, and do them: I am the LORD which sanctify you.

For simplicity sake

**Sanctify** - Set apart from

**Holy** - Set apart to

There are 2 parts to separation

Some Christians only know one part of separation.

They are so proud about what they don't do, but they don't do anything for God.

Every Christian practices separation.

They are either separate from the World or they are separated from God.

**Isa 59:1-2** Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:

2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

The salvation of a nation is dependent upon the sanctification of the Christians

**2 Chr 7:14** If **my people**, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

God told Abraham he would spare Sodom for 10 righteous people.

He did not say saved only, He said righteous. Because it does not say what type of righteousness we are going to say it means both righteousness or the righteousness you get at salvation and the righteousness you do because you are saved. So, God told Abraham he would spare Sodom if there were 10 saved people with outward righteousness.

**Gen 18:22-33** And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the LORD.

23 And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?

24 Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein?

25 That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

26 And the LORD said, If I find in Sodom **fifty** righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.

27 And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which am but dust and ashes:

28 Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou destroy all the city for lack of five? And he said, If I find there **forty and five**, I will not destroy it.

29 And he spake unto him yet again, and said, Peradventure there shall be forty found there. And he said, I will not do it for **forty's** sake.

30 And he said unto him, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Peradventure there shall thirty be found there. And he said, I will not do it, if I find **thirty** there.

31 And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord: Peradventure there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for **twenty's** sake.

32 And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for **ten's** sake.

33 And the LORD went his way, as soon as he had left communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place.

A whole city could have been spared from judgement if 10 christians would have cared what the Bible said about how to live.

The truth is there were only 9. If Lot would have just led one person in the whole city to the Lord he could have spared the city of judgement.

**Lev 20:22-27**

*Ye shall therefore keep all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them: that the land, whither I bring you to dwell therein, spue you not out. I think America is throwing up.*

23 *And ye shall not walk in the manners of the nation, which I cast out before you: for they committed all these things, and therefore I abhorred them. There are some things God doesn't want you to do.*

24 *But I have said unto you, Ye shall inherit their land, and I will give it unto you to possess it, a land that floweth with milk and honey: I am the LORD your God, which have separated you from other people.*

25 *Ye shall therefore put difference between clean beasts and unclean, and between unclean fowls and clean: and ye shall not make your souls abominable by beast, or by fowl, or by any manner of living thing that creepeth on the ground, which I have separated from you as unclean.*

26 *And ye shall be holy unto me: for I the LORD am holy, and have severed you from other people, that ye should be mine.*

27 *A man also or woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones: their blood shall be upon them.*

God made you for himself

You were made for God and for His Pleasure.

God hates everything that would interfere with You giving Him the Praise and Glory that He created you to give Him.

**There are People you are not supposed to hang around.**

**2 Cor 6:12-18** *Ye are not straitened in us, but ye are straitened in your own bowels.*

13 *Now for a recompence in the same, (I speak as unto my children,) be ye also enlarged.*

The main reason you don't separate from wrong is because you go with your feelings not with facts.

Do right because it is right to do not because it feels good or it is easy.

14 *Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?*

15 *And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?*

16 *And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*

17 *Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,*

18 *And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.*

**1 Cor 5:9-11** *I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators:*

10 *Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world.*

11 *But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.*

**II Th 3:6**

*Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.*

**Rom 16:17-18**

*Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.*

18 *For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.*

**II Th 3:14**

*And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.*

**2 Tim 3:5**

*Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.*

Yet some will go to any church just so long as they don't have to hear about separation.

**True liberty comes from keeping God's commandments.**

**Ps 119:45**

*And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts.*

If you set up some standards in your life you will have freedom from sin.

Those with no rules have no freedom.

They say the college with rules is a prison

But look at the slavery of the students on the typical university campus. .... Drugs, Alcohol, Sex,

**Rom 8:2**

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

## **If you're saved and have the Holy Spirit of God inside you, you want to know God's word.**

You want to know how to please God.

You want to know what God expects and commands.

**Ps 119:97** *O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day.*

**Ps 119:48** *My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; and I will meditate in thy statutes.*

**Ps 119:113** *I hate vain thoughts: but thy law do I love.*

**Ps 119:127** *Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold.*

**Ps 119:167** *My soul hath kept thy testimonies; and I love them exceedingly.*

He didn't say he loved the Bible.

He said he loved the Law.

He loved the, "Thou shalt....", and the, "Thou shalt not.....,"

Is it right to walk in public nude?

Why?

Everybody has standards.

Some cultures hold to women wearing nothing and others hold to a woman being totally covered including a veil.

Rather than let cultures determine what is right or wrong why don't I let God's Word determine what is right and wrong?

Everybody has things they will do and will not do.

The question is not is it right to have standards but Whose standards are you going to have?

**Yours**

**Someone else**

**OR GOD'S**

Did you know it really is in the Bible how a person is supposed to dress?

People always say

**1 Sam 16:7** *But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.*

Yes God does look on the heart, but the other half of the verse says man looks on the outward appearance.

God is interested in how you come across to others and your testimony.

There are 3 unspoken symbols of a society.

Jargon

Hairstyle

Clothing

There are certain clothes that tell your position.

Police

Fireman

Nurse

Whore

**Prov 7:10** *And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart.*

There is an attire or clothing that pertains to a whore or a harlot

They sell themselves so their merchandise is put in the open.

If it is not for sale then why uncover it?

## **Man has always had to deal with the issue of nakedness or modesty.**

**Gen 3:6-11** *And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.*

7 *And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.*

8 *And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.*

9 *And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?*

10 *And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.*

11 *And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?*

The first issue Adam and Eve had to deal with was clothing or modesty.

Not alcohol, drugs or immorality but covering themselves

There is a connection between sin and Nakedness

A child reaches the age of accountability when they begin to be ashamed when they are naked.

## **There is a connection between sin and nakedness**

**Exod 32:22-25** *And Aaron said, Let not the anger of my lord wax hot: thou knowest the people, that they are set on mischief.*

23 *For they said unto me, Make us gods, which shall go before us: for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.*

24 *And I said unto them, Whosoever hath any gold, let them break it off. So they gave it me: then I cast it into the fire, and there came out this calf.*

25 *And when Moses saw that **the people were naked;** (for Aaron had made them naked unto their shame among their enemies:)*

When people run from the Lord they take off their clothes.

There is another episode

**Luke 8:27** *And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and **ware no clothes**, neither abode in any house, but in the tombs.*

After the demons were cast out:

**Luke 8:35** *Then they went out to see what was done; and came to Jesus, and found the man, out of whom the devils were departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, **clothed**, and in his right mind: and they were afraid.*

The farther that a person gets away from God the fewer clothes they will be wearing.

The longer a person is away from God the more clothes they take off.

The more perverted a people get the more clothes they take off.

The more perverted a movie the more clothes they take off.

The more perverted a magazine the more clothes they take off.

The more perverted a, "Entertainment Establishment," the more clothes they take off.

Sin and Immodesty go hand in hand.

Look at Peter

He fell asleep

Cut of Malchus ear

Warmed himself by the fire of those that arrested Jesus

Denied Jesus 3 times

Cursed and swore

Then in John 21:7

**John 21:7** *Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt his fisher's coat unto him, (for he was naked,) and did cast himself into the sea.*

Peter had quit the ministry earlier in the chapter when he said, "I go a fishing."

When people wander away from the Lord you will find them taking off their clothes.

Look what happened to Paul as he preached in Jerusalem.

**Acts 22:22-23** *And they gave him audience unto this word, and then lifted up their voices, and said, Away with such a fellow from the earth: for it is not fit that he should live.*

23 *And as they cried out, and cast off their clothes, and threw dust into the air,*

To mock the man of God, the message of God, and the name of God.

As a disapproval of Paul's life, they took off their clothes.

They wanted to exemplify their rebellion toward the man of God's message.

A church is known by the dress of it's ladies.

**1 Tim 2:9-10** *In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;*

*10 But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.*

Church or life isn't supposed to be a contest of what you can put on but what you cover up.

Adorn - To put in order; an orderly arrangement.

A women is supposed to give careful thought and planning to her wardrobe.

Modesty- Balanced or Harmony

A lady should dress so that no one part of her body or her clothing draws attention to itself.

Wild hair styles excessive make-up or jewelry, tight sweaters or skirts, unbuttoned blouses, a dress or skirt that is too short, shocking designs or colors all speak of an immodest dress style.

Anything that is distracting is biblically immodest.

Apparel - a let-down flowing garment.

This defines a proper skirt or dress

This definition eliminates shorts, trousers, tights, mini-skirts, or tight-fitting garments for women.

Shame facedness - Quick to blush

The feeling a little child has in the presence of an adult.

Do you dress to entice the eyes of men or do you blush to think that evil eyes would feed their wicked minds on your form and figure?

Sobriety - Self control

Sobriety says, "I must dress to show my character not my body."

I must show Jesus in me.

I must dress to show I love Jesus, the "Hidden man of the heart." not the world.

We justify our sin incredibly.

No girl would walk through her neighborhood with only her underwear on.

But if you lessen the amount of material in that garment and paint it wild colors and put sand under her feet and let her stand next to a hole in the ground with water in it on a hot day, it all of a sudden becomes acceptable.

**1 Pet 3:3-5** *Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;*

*4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.*

*5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:*

You would be surprised how a sweet spirit makes you beautiful.

You would be surprised how modesty makes you beautiful.

**Deut 22:5** *The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the LORD thy God.*

This is one of the most despised and debated verse by women who do not want to forfeit their right to wear trousers.

What does this verse say?

- 1.) There is some kind of apparel that "pertaineth unto a man."
- 2.) A woman is not allowed to wear it.
- 3.) There is something called "a woman's garment."
- 4.) Men are not allowed to put on that woman's garment.
- 5.) Any man or woman who does so is an abomination to God.

**Abomination** - something God hates.

What are abominations to God?

Homosexuals  
Incest  
Adultery  
Witchcraft  
Sorcery  
Women who wear a man's garment or  
Men who wear a woman's garment.

This abomination is for today like all the other abominations listed in the Bible are for today.

**Britches or Breeches in the Bible are a man's garment.**

**Exod 28:42** *And thou shalt make them linen breeches to cover their nakedness; from the loins even unto the thighs they shall reach:*

**Skirts in the Bible are a woman's garment.**

**Deut 22:30** *A man shall not take his father's wife, nor discover his father's skirt.*

God has never changed what he hates.

**Mal 3:6** *For I am the LORD, I change not;*

What is the international symbol for a women's bathroom?

What is the international symbol for a man's bathroom?

Even the world knows the difference between a man's garment and a women's garment.

Nakedness in the Bible is not nude.

Nakedness is being improperly clothed, not unclothed.

**A lot of people think that if you wear a dress or have convictions about your clothing that you are a super Christian or something.**

**But this is basic.**

**Isa 47:1-3** *Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon, sit on the ground: there is no throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called tender and delicate.*

2 *Take the millstones, and grind meal: uncover thy locks, make bare the leg, uncover the thigh, pass over the rivers.*

3 *Thy nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be seen: I will take vengeance, and I will not meet thee as a man*

There are certain parts of your body that are to never be seen by anyone except the one you marry.

I have seen more men get mad at this than women.

But picture a husband saying this to his wife,

*"You're not going to wear dresses all the time, you will wear pants it shows more of your crotch and thighs and derrier than a dress."*

Men in the Bible are commanded to not lust.

Women in the Bible are commanded to dress right.

Dr. R. G. Lee said

**“A nation never rises above the spiritual level of it's women.”**

I have ladies say; “well I will only wear pants in the home.” Is it all right to treat other abominations that way?

Is it all right to commit adultery only in your home?

Is it all right to drink a beer only in your own home?

Is it all right to practice witchcraft in your home?

Is it all right to practice idolatry in your own home?

**Ezek 22:26** *Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shewed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.*

Who cares? It doesn't matter. Truth is relevant.

**Ezek 22:30-31** *And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.*

*31 Therefore have I poured out mine indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath: their own way have I recompensed upon their heads, saith the Lord GOD.*

There are certain things you are not supposed to do.

Men are supposed to have short Hair.

**1 Cor 11:14-15** *Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a **shame** unto him?*

*15 But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering.*

**Shame** - disgraceful, vile.

Jesus could not have had long hair because He would never have done something that was disgraceful or vile.

Separation is not important for the salvation of an individual. Separation is important for the salvation of a nation.

What a Christian chooses to indulge in as far as the world is concerned does not change the fact that they are on their way to Heaven or Hell: It will damn their nation but not their soul.

# Separation and our Relationship with God

There are 4 relationships available with God for us.

## 1. Creator - Creature = This takes place at birth

**Gen 1:26-27** *And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.*  
27 *So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.*

## 2. God - People = This takes place at salvation

**2 Cor 6:16-18** *And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*  
17 *Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,*  
18 *And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.*

## 3. Father - Child = This takes place at separation

**2 Cor 6:16-18** *And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*  
17 *Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,*  
18 *And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.*  
**John 1:12** *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:*

## 4. Friend - Friend = This takes place at service

**John 15:14** *Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.*  
**John 14:21** *He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.*

**When you receive Jesus as your Saviour you have everything available to you.**

**What you put in to practice is up to you.**

**How close you choose to get to God is up to you.**

**How much you obey Him is totally up to you.**

**How much you love Jesus is totally up to you.**

**John 14:15** *If ye love me, keep my commandments.*

**We obey to the degree we love, and we do not love more than we obey.**

**God is willing - It is normally us that are not willing.** Error! Bookmark not defined.