



Jn 17:11 “they themselves are IN the world”

Jn 17:14 “they are not OF the world, even as...”

**Christians are not  
“OF this world”**

Ethically—concepts, char. & conduct not “worldly”...  
not derived from or determined by the “world”

**“IN” but not “OF”**

**Jn 17:16-17 (apostles) ... vv20-21 (all)**

“Sanctify them in your truth”

v12,18,20

“believe in Me through their word”

**The Truth about Jesus Christ**

**Eph 4:20-21**

“world”...

# “world”

- earth, universe **Jn 17:5** (**Gen 1:1; Jn 1:1,3**)
- **people**, esp. unbelievers **Jn 17:14,21**

“world” (unbelievers) may assault believer through ...

- Persecution **Jn 16:32-33**
- False ideas **1Jn 4:1f**
- Lust, greed, pride **1Jn 2:15-17**

break...

Not “**of the world**” — break with “**worldly**”  
*concepts, character, conduct ...*

- Norms of society **Eph 2:1-2** **Everybody does it**
- Family traditions, culture **1Pt 1:18** **Way I grew up**
- Lifelong habits **1Pt 4:3** **Just the way I am**
- Circle of friends **1Co 15:33; 2Pt 2:18-19; Pro 1:10,11**  
**I like to “hang out” with them**

*What sets them apart?*

**TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL!** **Jn 17:17**

**“saints” Eph 5:3...8...10**

desire ...

# Christians should DESIRE to be NOT “of the world”

- **Rom 12:1,2** “*Therefore...*”

1st 11 chps! **1:16; 8:37**

- **1Co 6:20** “*for...therefore...*”

- **Eph 4:1** “*Therefore...*” chps 1-3!

- **1Pt 1:14f...18** “*knowing that...*”

**“I can’t help it”**

Can ! ...

# **Christians CAN be NOT “of the world”**

**“this is the VICTORY that has  
overcome the world — our FAITH!**

**1Jn 5:4-5**

Apply — how faith impacts temptation...perseverance (hope)...zeal...  
Importance of building faith — reading...Bible class...preaching...

**1Jn 5:18-20**

