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# FINDING YOUR PLACE IN THE WORLD

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“God so **loved the world**, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

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# **The World is...**

**Sometimes a PLACE**

**Sometimes a PEOPLE**

**Sometimes a PHILOSOPHY**

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“Come out from among them  
And be separate, says the Lord.  
Do not touch what is unclean,  
And I will receive you.”

<sup>18</sup> “I will be a Father to you,  
And you shall be My sons and daughters,  
Says the Lord Almighty.”

(2 Cor. 6:17-18, from Isa. 52:11)

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# The World is Dangerous

<sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

<sup>11</sup> Since ***all these things will be dissolved***, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of ***holiness*** and ***godliness***, <sup>12</sup> waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! <sup>13</sup> But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. (2 Peter 3:10–13)

**It will be DISSOLVED**



# **The World is Dangerous**

**Under SATAN'S Influence**

# The Wonderful nature of our calling

## Not isolation, but service

“To **the church of God** that is **in Corinth**, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 1:2)



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Holiness requires two things...

“set apart”

→ “to serve”



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## The need for distinctiveness today

<sup>11</sup> Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup> Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation. (1 Peter 2:11–12)



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**How do you satisfy  
your PLEASURES?**

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**What do you put  
before your EYES?**

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**What are you most  
PROUD of?**

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**What command  
have you recently  
obeyed?**

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