

Shelton Park Church of God

from the Pastor's desk...

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LEARNING TO LIVE A SEPERATED LIFE

2 Corinthians 6:17-18

“Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.”

One of the most wonderful things about being a Christian is that we are **not** what we used to be. Being saved is not just repeating words it is living **The Word**.

Throughout the Word of God we find that when God called someone into service, He changed his or her identity. This was done often times by changing his or her name. The Bible teaches, “A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches.” Proverbs 22:1.

To have a “good name” is to have a “good identity.” This identity is to identify us as people of God. Why would I want to look and act like the world if that is what God called me out of and what I was miserable in when I did not know Christ as my savior? Why get saved when I don’t want to change the way I am? Why ask the shipmaster to throw me a life preserver when I do not intend to get out of the water?

This is why the Apostle Paul, by the Spirit of God, called to the Corinthian church to “Come out from among them, and be ye separate.” You see God has called us to service. And in order to be in this service we must allow God to change our identity. You can’t help someone if you are living in the same condition that they live. In order to help people out of the pit, you have to first be out of the pit yourself.

And if we do this, he said in his word that, “I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.”

As Christians, we should not try to see how close to the world we can live without being harmed. But we should rather try to see how close to God we can live and be received!

Enjoying Christ’s Service,

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