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Scriptural References and Comment Notes

911114-54 THE CHRISTIAN AS A NON-CONFORMIST

2:05 John 16:33 "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation, but take heart; I have overcome the world." We can take our direction from the world or we can take it from God. Reference Matthew 6:24; Luke 16:13 You cannot serve two masters. Reference Matthew 7:13-14; Luke 13:24 The wide gate and wide road that leads to destruction vs. the narrow gate and narrow road that leads to life.

The narrow gate and the narrow road of the mature Christian has in its path some peculiar obstacles.

- 4:10 1 Peter 1:14-16 As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: Be holy, because I am holy.
- 5:10 1 Peter 1:14 "As obedient children" Peter views his readers as people who belong to the family of God. Teaching on God's family. Reference John 8:9-47 Not all of Abraham's descendants have God as their father. Reference John 1:12-13, born of God.

"do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance" The negative instruction. "But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do" The positive instruction. Teaching on being obedient children.

- 10:50 Ephesians 3:14 God's children derive their identity because God is their Father.
- 11:20 2 Corinthians 6:14-18 The discontinuity between those who follow Christ and those who do not Believers and unbelievers. Teaching. We are the temple of the living God and therefore God is our God and we are his people. Come out from unbelievers who do not have God as their Father Reference Isaiah 52:11.
- 18:10 1 Peter 1:14 "do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance". Teaching on living a life of ignorance. People who don't know that they don't know. A relationship with a church is not the same as a relationship with God.

God will accept you just as you are, but he does not wish to leave you there. God wants to conform us more and more to the image of Jesus – Sanctification.

- 22:40 Romans 1:18-32 A solemn teaching on the condition of man, and society, when they refuse to acknowledge and obey God. Living in the days of ignorance.
- 39:35 Acts 3:17-19 Further teaching about being ignorant of the truth that God has established.
- 42:45 1 Peter 4:2-4 When a person truly comes to Christ, the desire, for things contrary to God, does not just vanish, but the joy of doing them goes away. God wants to impart real joy, that is not dependent on circumstances.

49;00 1 Peter 1:14 Teaching on conformity. Reference Romans 12:2 Paul says – do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world.. We are not to withdraw from the world but we are to have an inner separation of holiness unto God.

We are to be transformed into a new life.

52:50 1 Peter 1:15 But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

Let the Spirit remold us into the image of Jesus Christ. Reference Romans 8:5-8 Those controlled by the sinful nature do not submit to God's law, nor can they do so.

55:05 Matthew 7:13-14 There are two roads – the broad way and the narrow way. Choose the narrow way!

- John 16:33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."
- Matt. 6:24 "No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.
- Luke 16:13 "No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money."
- Matt. 7:13 "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. 14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.
- <u>Luke 13:24</u> "Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to.
- <u>1Pet. 1:14</u> As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. <u>15</u> But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; 16 for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."
- John 8:9 At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. 10 Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"
- John 8:11 "No one, sir," she said.

"Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."

John 8:12 When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

<u>John 8:13</u> The Pharisees challenged him, "Here you are, appearing as your own witness; your testimony is not valid."

John 8:14 Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going. But you have no idea where I come from or where I am going. 15 You judge by human standards; I pass judgment on no one. 16 But if I do judge, my decisions are right, because I am not alone. I stand with the Father, who sent me. 17 In your own Law it is written that the testimony of two men is valid. 18 I am one who testifies for myself; my other witness is the Father, who sent me."

John 8:19 Then they asked him, "Where is your father?"

"You do not know me or my Father," Jesus replied. "If you knew me, you would know my Father also." 20 He spoke these words while teaching in the temple area near the place where the offerings were put. Yet no one seized him, because his time had not yet come.

John 8:21 Once more Jesus said to them, "I am going away, and you will look for me, and you will die in your sin. Where I go, you cannot come."

John 8:22 This made the Jews ask, "Will he kill himself? Is that why he says, 'Where I go, you cannot come'?"

John 8:23 But he continued, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. 24 I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am [the one I claim to be], you will indeed die in your sins."

John 8:25 "Who are you?" they asked.

"Just what I have been claiming all along," Jesus replied. <u>26</u> "I have much to say in judgment of you. But he who sent me is reliable, and what I have heard from him I tell the world."

John 8:27 They did not understand that he was telling them about his Father. 28 So Jesus said, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am [the one I claim to be] and that I do nothing on my own but speak

just what the Father has taught me. <u>29</u> The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him." <u>30</u> Even as he spoke, many put their faith in him.

John 8:31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

John 8:33 They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?"

John 8:34 Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. 35 Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. 37 I know you are Abraham's descendants. Yet you are ready to kill me, because you have no room for my word. 38 I am telling you what I have seen in the Father's presence, and you do what you have heard from your father."

John 8:39 "Abraham is our father," they answered.

"If you were Abraham's children," said Jesus, "then you would do the things Abraham did. 40 As it is, you are determined to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. Abraham did not do such things. 41 You are doing the things your own father does."

"We are not illegitimate children," they protested. "The only Father we have is God himself."

John 8:42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but he sent me. 43 Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. 44 You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. 45 Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me! 46 Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe me? 47 He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God."

<u>John 1:12</u> Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— $\underline{13}$ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

Eph. 3:14 For this reason I kneel before the Father,

2Cor. 6:14 Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? 15 What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? 16 What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people."

2Cor. 6:17 "Therefore come out from them and be separate, says the Lord.

Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you."

2Cor. 6:18 "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

Is. 52:11 Depart, depart, go out from there! Touch no unclean thing!

Come out from it and be pure, you who carry the vessels of the LORD.

<u>1Pet. 1:14</u> As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance.

Rom. 1:18 The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, 19 since what may be known about God is plain to them, because

God has made it plain to them. <u>20</u> For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

- Rom. 1:21 For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.
- Rom. 1:24 Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another.

 25 They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.
- Rom. 1:26 Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. 27 In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.
- Rom. 1:28 Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done. 29 They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, 30 slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; 31 they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless. 32 Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.
- Acts 3:17 "Now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. 18 But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Christ would suffer. 19 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

<u>1Pet. 4:2</u> As a result, he does not live the rest of his earthly life for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God. <u>3</u> For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do—living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry. <u>4</u> They think it strange that you do not plunge with them into the same flood of dissipation, and they heap abuse on you.

<u>1Pet. 1:14</u> As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance.

Rom. 12:2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

1Pet. 1:15 But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do;

Rom. 8:5 Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. 6 The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; 7 the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. 8 Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.

Matt. 7:13 "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. 14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.