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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Does loving the world mean that Christians should look, act and sound like the world?

Over the past few weeks, we've gone over the issue of "the world" several different times from different angles. I remind you again today that God expects us to exemplify the difference between light and darkness in our day-to-day life.

When I was a teenager, I heard a preacher at camp make the following statement. I've made it here several times. It made a profound impact on my life over twenty years ago, and it still speaks volumes to me today.

*"To make a difference, you must be different. You can't change something by adding more of the same."*

For Christians to make a difference in our society, we cannot be like the world. We must be different!

Consider 1 Corinthians 6:14,15, and 17: "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?...Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you."

## TODAY'S MESSAGES

**Sunday AM:** *He Is Worthy* | "The Fear of the Lord Prolongeth Days"

**Sunday PM:** *Victory With Jesus* | "The Greatest Miracle in the Bible"

## WEEKLY OFFERING UPDATE

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

**TODAY:** Baptism of Chuck Abbott, Jr. at the end of service.

**August 22:** After-church fellowship for Kyle (*for his work this summer*) and Kaitlyn Capelo (*for her high school graduation*)

**August 29:** The Pranger family, missionaries to Siberia, will be with us for both the AM and PM services.

**September 30-October 2:** Men's Advance at Camp Berea. Cost is \$150.

**October 15-23:** Teens travel to Florida Baptist College in Tampa, Florida.

**November 7-10:** Missions Conference with Evangelist Sam Davison and the Mallard family (missionaries to Australia).

## MISSIONARY UPDATE

*Robert and Judy Lewis, world evangelism:*

In just a few days we will be leaving for an extended tour of the New England states. We will be in the area until the end of the year. Our health continues to be good (both of us have had our annual checkups recently). The COVID downturn has provided us a couple of unexpected blessings. We have had two seasons of renting out our motor home with good success. In the meantime, I have been able to help a local church here in Texas by leading the singing and teaching the adult Sunday School class. It has kept me close to home and given me the time needed to finish a book entitled *Finishing the Race of Life*. It is going to the publisher next week.

Several churches that are in some kind of dilemma about pastoral leadership have contacted me recently. I am praying that I can help them to a productive and Scriptural conclusion to the needs they have.