

# Separation (Part 1)

## Lesson 29- Spiritual Discipleship and Growth

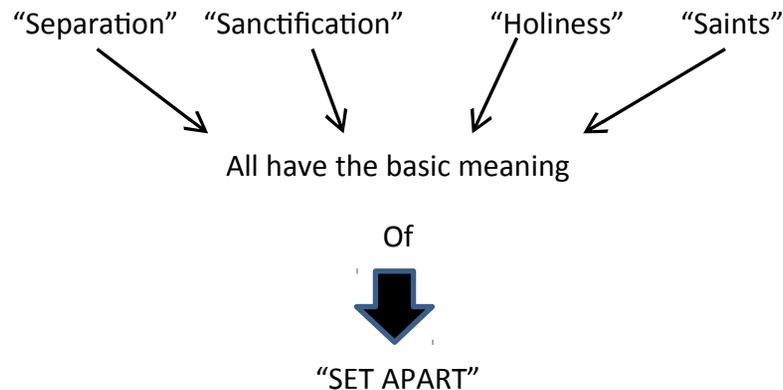
**Intro:** The issue of “separation” is one of the distinguishing features of Bible-believing Baptists. It is a subject which has to do with the way we live, the way we conduct ourselves as believers. Such a study could quite easily become all about religion but as we enter into this study of the Bible, it is important for us to grasp the principals involved as well as the practices outlined.

We are living in a world of rapidly declining moral and spiritual standards. This decay is seriously affecting Christians and churches to the point that it is often difficult to tell Christians and non-Christians apart.

### Exactly what is meant by “Separation?”

There are three things for us to understand.

#### A. There are four Bible words having the same meaning:



1. When we say that God is holy, which means He is “set apart” from all His creation in righteousness.
2. When we say the Bible is holy, we mean it is “set apart” from all other books.

3. When we are taught to sanctify the Lord in our hearts, this means we are to set God apart from idols.

-Remember this definition-

#### B. There are two aspects to separation in your life:

##### Positional Separation

In Christ, I HAVE been set apart unto God.

##### **Hebrews 10:10**

“We are \_\_\_\_\_ through the offering of the body of Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_.”

##### Practical Separation

As a Christian, I AM TO LIVE set apart unto God.

##### **1 Peter 1:15**

“But as He which hath called you is \_\_\_\_\_, so be ye \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ manner of conversation.”

C. There are two important features to separation: - Two sides of the same coin:

Separation  
TO  
THE LORD

(Romans 12:1)



Separation  
FROM  
UNGODLINESS

(Romans 12:2)

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### What is the basis of practical separation?

#### **A. The basis of God's nature:**

1 Peter 1:16 "Be ye \_\_\_\_\_; for I am \_\_\_\_\_."

#### **B. The basis of redemption:**

1 Corinthians 6:19, 20.

1. "Ye are not \_\_\_\_\_."

2. "Ye are \_\_\_\_\_ with a \_\_\_\_\_."

3. "Therefore \_\_\_\_\_ God in your \_\_\_\_\_ and in your \_\_\_\_\_ which are \_\_\_\_\_."

#### **C. The basis of regeneration:**

2 Corinthians 5:17

1. Christians are described as being a \_\_\_\_\_ creature.

2. Old things (ways, etc.) have \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **D. The basis of God's Word:**

Scripture such as 2 Corinthians 6:17 plainly command us to "come out from among them and be ye \_\_\_\_\_."

### **Separation from the World:**

a. According to John 15:19, the believer is in the world, but ought not to be \_\_\_\_\_ the world, because the Lord has chosen us \_\_\_\_\_ the world.

(Practical separation does not mean we are to enter into a closet lifestyle nor does mean that we avoid all contact with anyone who is not saved.)

b. According to 1 John 2:15, the believer is to "\_\_\_\_\_ the world, neither the \_\_\_\_\_ that are \_\_\_\_\_ the world."

c. When the Bible speaks of "the world" in this sense, it does NOT mean the creation of God, His material provisions, etc. It refers to the "world system," which is the dominion of Satan.

1 John 2:16 defines the world (in its bad sense) as:

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

d. 1 John 2:17 teaches that doing the \_\_\_\_\_ of God is the most important and most enduring thing we can do.

e. According to James 4:4, worldliness is spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.

f. Romans 12:2 instructs us to me "not \_\_\_\_\_ to this world."

g. James 1:27 defines pure religion from a personal point of view as the Christians keeping himself \_\_\_\_\_ from the world.

h. A worldly Christian is one given over to pleasing the "flesh," the old sinful nature. The works of the flesh are listed in Galatians 5:19-21.

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