

“BIBLICAL LIVING IN A SPIRITUALLY DECAYED WORLD”
ROMANS 13:11-14

INTRO: Would you agree with me that **THE WORLD IN WHICH WE LIVE IS A SPIRITUAL AND MORAL MESS?** Indeed, it is, and it has always been **SPIRITUALLY AND MORALLY DEPRAVED**. But as we look around and as we draw closer to the **RETURN OF CHRIST**, **THE DEPRAVITY OF THE WORLD IS BECOMING MORE AND MORE EVIDENT!**

NOTE: In talking about the **WORLD**, I am not speaking of the **GLOBE** upon which we live. But rather, I am speaking of **THAT SYSTEM THAT IS UNDER THE CONTROL OF SATAN, MADE UP OF SINFUL HUMANITY, WHICH IS DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED TO GOD IN EVERY WAY**. TWO SPECIFIC CONCEPTS TO CONSIDER:

- The World System is **TOTALLY DEPRAVED** – 1 John 5:19
- The Humanity of the World is **FULLY EVIL** – Ecclesiastes 9:3

THE **WORLD IS SPIRITUALLY AND MORALLY SICK** AND TODAY, FROM THE PAGES OF THE WORD OF GOD, WE WILL STUDY: **THE SYMPTOMS OF THE SICKNESS, THE DIAGNOSIS OF THE SICKNESS, AND THE REMEDY OF THE SICKNESS**.

I. THE SYMPTOMS OF THE SPIRITUAL SICKNESS OF THE WORLD – ISAIAH 1:4,5

A. As Revealed in the **COVID-19 VIRUS**

1. From the Biblical Perspective – Exodus 9:14; Leviticus 9:14
2. From the Political Perspective – Though the **PANDEMIC** has been real, the way some of the **RULERS OF THE WORLD** have treated it has been sinful.
3. From the Response of the People – It has separated Christians and Divided the Church.

B. As Revealed in **INTERNATIONAL CHAOS**

1. Russia Invading Ukraine (Prophetic – Ezekiel 38:6 – “Gomer is Ukraine”)
2. China Threatening Taiwan – (Selfish and Greed)

C. As Revealed in **NATIONAL LEADERSHIP**

1. A Rejection of God
2. Moral Weakness, Ethically Defunct, Globalism, Open National Borders

D. As Revealed in **GOVERNMENT OUT OF CONTROL**

1. Government is ordained by God to stand for Good and against Evil
-Romans 13:1-7
2. Government has become Socialistic, Anti-Freedom, and Too Big

E. As Revealed in **GODLESS EDUCATION**

1. The Rejection of God
2. The Evolution of Humanity
3. The Critical Race Theory

F. As Revealed in the **REJECTION OF TRUTH**

1. They say there is **NO Absolute Truth**
2. There is a rejection of **Biblical Truth**

G. As Revealed in the **COMPROMISE OF THE CHURCH**

1. With **Little Sound Doctrine**
2. With **Lack of Separation**

II. THE DIAGNOSIS OF THE SPIRITUAL SICKNESS OF THE WORLD

- A. As Revealed in the **Sinfulness of Mankind** – Isaiah 64:6,7
- B. As Revealed in the **Diabolic Condition of the World** – 1 John 2:16,17
- C. As Revealed in the **Depravity of Mankind** – Mark 7:20-23
- D. As Revealed in the **Lack of Desire for God** – Hosea 4:1-6

E. As Revealed in the Rise of False Teachers – 1 Peter 2:1,2

F. As Revealed in the Fulfillment of Prophecy

-1 Timothy 4:1-3

-2 Timothy 3:1-7

III. THE REMEDY FOR THE SPIRITUAL SICKNESS OF THE WORLD

A. The Manners of God's People – Romans 13:11-14

1. It is **HIGH TIME** to **WAKE UP** – Vs. 11

a. By Putting off Spiritual Sluggishness

b. By Putting on Spiritual Virtue

2. It is **HIGH TIME** to **LIGHT UP** – Vs. 12

a. By Stopping a Spiritually Darkened Lifestyle

b. By Starting a Spiritually Lighted Lifestyle

3. It is **HIGH TIME** to **CLEAN UP** – Vs. 13

a. By Washing Ourselves of Spiritual Filth

b. By Walking in Spiritual Purity

4. It is **HIGH TIME** to **DRESS UP** – Vs. 14

a. By Putting on Christ

b. By Putting off the Flesh

B. The Message of Jesus Christ – Luke 19:10

1. It is the Message of Salvation

2. It is the Message of Hope

3. It is the Message of Truth

LESSON/APPLICATION

1) The World System is Under the Judgement of God – John 12:31

2) The Remedy for the Condition of the World is the **MESSAGE OF CHRIST** that is to be **LIVED AND PROCLAIMED** by the **BELIEVERS IN CHRIST**.