



Christ Calls His People to Faithful Witness Within a Fallen World

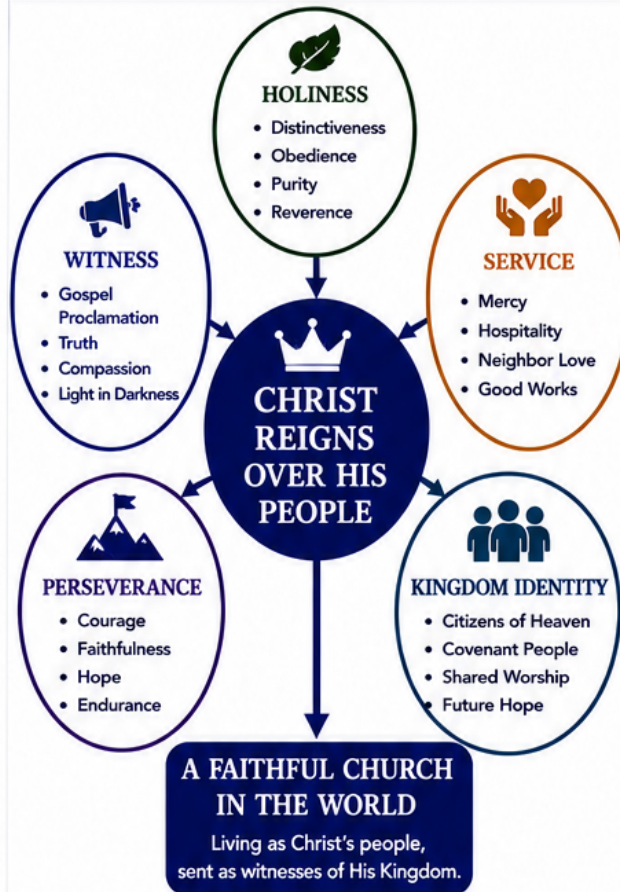
The church lives within the world while belonging to Christ's Kingdom. Believers are called neither to withdraw from society nor conform to it, but to worship faithfully, live holy lives, proclaim the Gospel, and bear visible witness to Christ before the nations.

WITHDRAWAL VS COMPROMISE VS FAITHFUL WITNESS

WITHDRAWAL	COMPROMISE	FAITHFUL WITNESS
Fear	Conformity	Faithfulness
Isolation	Assimilation	Holy Presence
Silence	Worldliness	Gospel Proclamation
Self-Protection	Cultural Captivity	Kingdom Identity
Avoidance	Approval-Seeking	Truth and Grace

The church must not retreat from the world nor be shaped by it, but faithfully witness within it.

HOW THE CHURCH LIVES IN THE WORLD



KEY SCRIPTURES



Matthew 5:13-16

"Ye are the salt of the earth; but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? ... Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."



John 17:14-18

"I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world."



1 Peter 2:11-12

"Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; having your conversation honest among the Gentiles."



Romans 12:1-2

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice... and be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind."



Philippians 2:15-16

"That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world."

HOW THE CHURCH BEARS WITNESS



QUICK COMPARISON

ASPECT	FAITHFUL WITNESS
Identity	Christ's covenant people
Location	In the world
Allegiance	Christ's Kingdom
Calling	Holy witness
Mission	Gospel proclamation
Hope	Christ's return

★ KEY TRUTHS

- ✓ The church belongs to Christ's Kingdom.
- ✓ Christians live within the world faithfully.
- ✓ Holiness strengthens witness.
- ✓ Truth and compassion belong together.
- ✓ The church must neither retreat nor compromise.
- ✓ Christ sends His people into the world as witnesses.

THE BIBLICAL PICTURE



A holy people, living in the world, shining as lights, and declaring the Gospel of Christ.



THE BOTTOM LINE

The church lives within a fallen world while belonging to Christ's Kingdom. Christ calls His people to worship faithfully, live holy lives, love their neighbors, proclaim the Gospel, and bear visible witness until He comes.



TEACHER NOTE

Use this handout to help learners understand the church's relationship to the world. Emphasize that believers are called neither to fearful isolation nor worldly compromise, but to faithful Kingdom witness under Christ's reign.