

**John 282 “Warning: The Truth May Set You Free But It Will Also Get You In Trouble”  
John 17:16-17**

**Church Age believers in Jesus Christ are born-again citizens of a Kingdom that is far beyond this world and that’s how we may be in the world but at the same time, we never have to be of it.**

**Six Conclusions from John 17:16:**

- 1. The world emphasizes self-improvement while the Word of God emphasizes understanding grace leading to regeneration, followed by spiritual growth.**
- 2. There can be no compromise between the world and Christianity.**
- 3. The world can only influence a believer’s soul, it cannot infiltrate his body.**
- 4. The soul can only be compromised when a believer negatively reacts to biblical truth.**
- 5. Through the vacuum in the soul of the negative believer as a result of rejecting God’s truth, the doctrine of demons enter; 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 4:1.**
- 6. When a believer-priest is responsive positively to the Word of God, he builds a soul-inventory which provides protection and encouragement for him to grow up spiritually. The Father is the author of the plan of God; therefore He’s not an agent but under Him there three agents and in case you were wondering, believers are not agents representing themselves.**

**The agents of our sanctification do all of the work within the sanctification contract and since under grace there is no place for human good works, there’s no place for us to do anything to contribute to our sanctification.**

**In Phase 1 sanctification, regenerate mankind, the Royal Family is positionally higher than angels and this is exactly why Christianity is not just another religion, it’s a living vibrant relationship.**

**In Phase 2 sanctification which is also related to the angelic dispute, the spiritually mature believer occupied with the Person of Jesus Christ, glorifies God, resulting in a tactical victory which honors our Lord’s strategic victory.**

**In Phase 3 sanctification, the Royal Family in resurrection bodies are not only positionally but physically superior to angels and that’s yet another tremendous blessing we anticipate for our future in eternity.**

**There is no sanctification in the Church Age outside of those who personally believe in Jesus Christ.**

**Were it not for the unique Person of the universe, the Lord Jesus Christ as the God-man and His efficacious saving work on the Cross for us, there would be no sanctification in the human race, meaning no one would be set apart to God, period.**

**Biblical truth in our souls is the means of our experiential sanctification or our being set apart to God for the purpose of glorifying Him.**

**We are protected by our daily functioning in the experiential plan of God through consistent learning, understanding, believing and applying biblical truth.**

**If we are not progressing, it’s because we’ve chosen to remain in a state of negative reaction to, instead of positive response to God and His truth.**

**But of course, Satan can and does counterfeit practically everything within God’s plan except for its most vital ingredient; GRACE!**

**The sovereign decree of Creator God and the free-will of His creatures known as mankind,**

**meet at the intersection of His love and His grace.**

**Absolutely nothing under any circumstances, surprises God.**

**Distinction should be made between that which God causes, like the Cross and that which He allows, like sin.**

**Mankind's volition or free-will is the origin of sin in the human race.**

**God has never nor will He ever solicit anyone to become involved in evil but He sure warns against it**

**God knew exactly what we would need at every point in our lives, so based on His foreknowledge, He has provided everything we would ever need on earth in eternity past.**

**God initiates salvation through the Cross but it must be our free-will response in accepting His offer of His provision for all mankind to seal the deal for us.**

**For example, when a person rejects the Lord Jesus and His sacrifice for them, he has no desire to experience the Lake of Fire but he will.**