



**WHAT IS THE TRUE  
CHRISTIAN'S  
RELATION  
TO THE WORLD?**

# We are COMMISSIONED

*As you sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world (John 17:18).*

1 Our Mission (Matthew 28:18-20).

2 Our Function (Matthew 5:14).

**3 Our Condition (John 17:19; Romans 12:2).**

4 The World's Reactions (John 15:18-19; 17:14; I John 3:1, 13; 4:5).

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Sanctification is the renewal of our entire inner man after the image of God, so that we are enabled more and more to die unto sin and to live unto righteousness.

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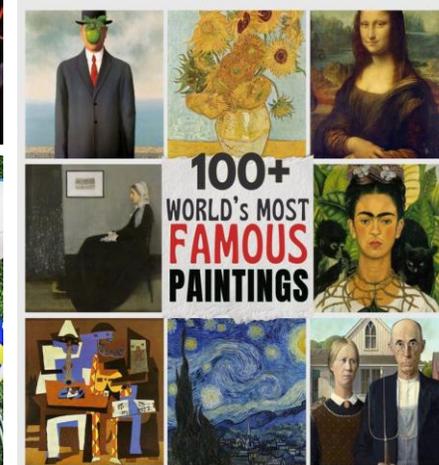
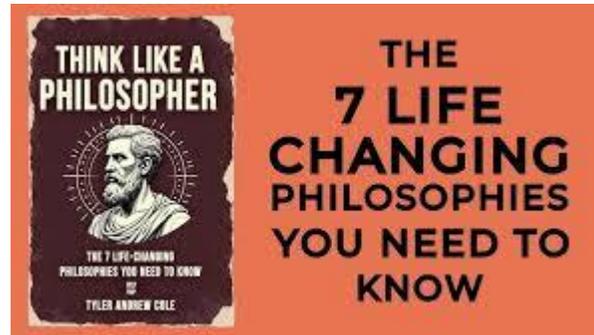
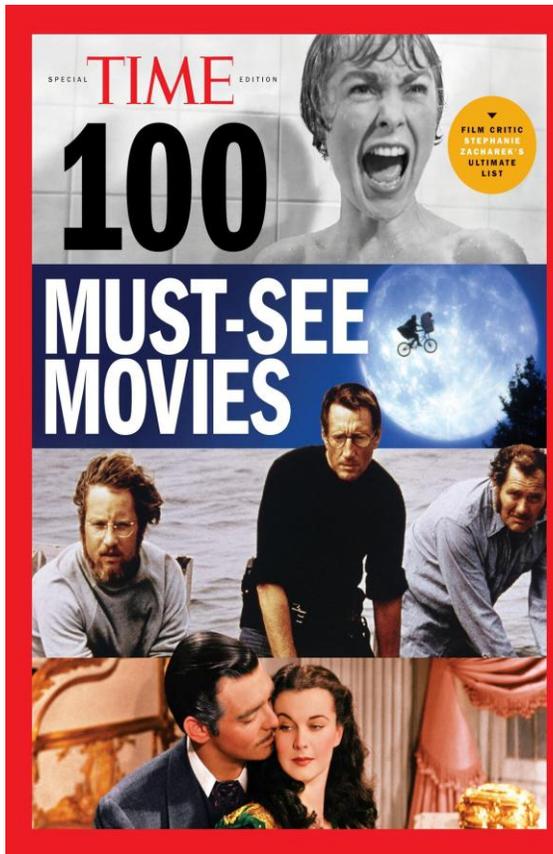
The order necessary to “**prove\*** what the will of God is—that which is **good** and **acceptable** and **perfect**”

**\*test and approve**



But **examine\*** everything *carefully*; hold fast to that which is good; abstain from every form of evil.

--I Thessalonians 5:21-22





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**They mingled with the nations and learned their practices (Psalm 106:35).**

Ephesians 2:1-3 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to **the course of this world**, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.

Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

I John 5:19 We know that we are of God, and that  
**the whole world lies in *the power of the evil***  
**one.**

**I John 2:15-16 Do not love the world nor the things in the world.** If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

**For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life,** is not from the Father, but is from the world.

II Peter 2:20 For if, after they have escaped the **defilements of the world** by the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again **entangled in them** and are overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first.

II Peter 1:4 For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped **the corruption that is in the world by lust.**

Colossians 1:13 For He rescued us from **the domain of darkness**, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son.

Galatians 6:14 But may it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which **the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.**

James 4:4 You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be **a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.**

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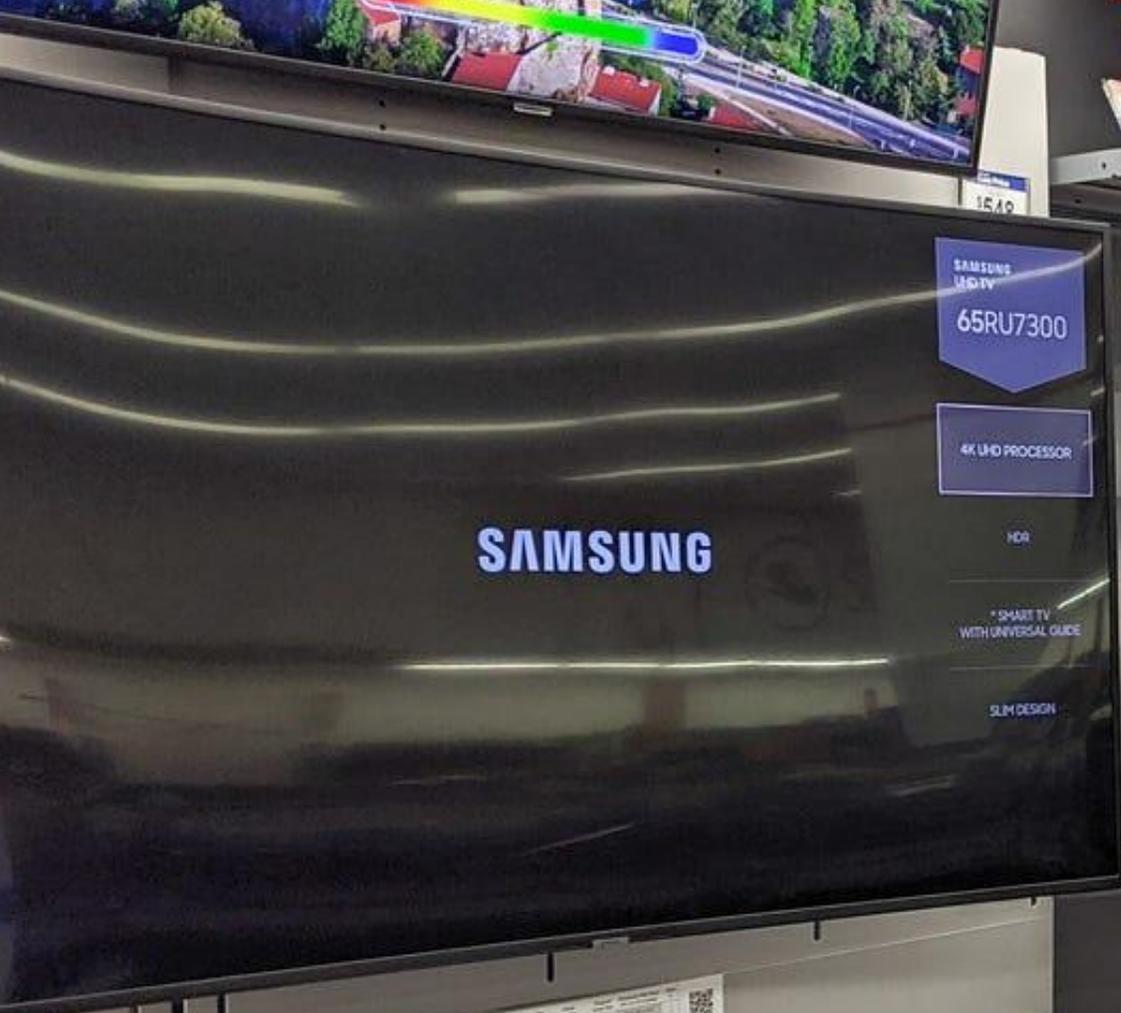
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**. . . those who use the world, as though they did not make full use of it (I Cor. 7:31).**

**Christians should *not sink too deeply into it either with love and desire or suffering and boredom, but should rather behave like guests on earth, using everything for a short time because of need.***

**--Martin Luther**

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