

# Living Connections Bible Study



## Get Out of Babylon

### Prayer

**Icebreaker:** What activities, habits, entertainment and lifestyle choices have changed since you became a Christian, and why?

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**Text:** Revelation 18:1-5

Revelation chapter 18 describes God's coming judgment on *Babylon the Great*. This title describes both a city and a system which traces its origin back to Nimrod and the Tower of Babel. It was during the reign of Nebuchadnezzar that the city of Babylon reached its zenith of power and influence. Over the centuries the city slowly crumbled. But the religious, political, commercial, and moral influence of the Babylonian system continues to reign in the hearts of men from that day to this. This system is evidenced in the lust for power, sensual pleasure, riches, and sin. Zechariah 5:5-11 reveals that this world system, called wickedness, will again be centered in the land of Shinar/Iraq during the Tribulation.

1. What is God's will for His children concerning the world system out of which we have been saved?

Revelation 18:1-5 (v. 4) \_\_\_\_\_

1 John 2:15-17 \_\_\_\_\_

2 Corinthians 6:14-17 (verse 17)

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1 Peter 1:14-16

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Romans 12:1-2

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2. Contrast the believer's life before salvation with our new life in Christ. Ephesians 2:1-3

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3. Are these verses teaching us that we should stop associating with unbelievers?

1 Corinthians 9:19-22

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What we are talking about in this lesson is Biblical sanctification. Sanctification means to be cleansed from sin and the filth of this world's system, and to be set apart (dedicated) unto God.

4. How does the cleansing of the Temple in the days of Hezekiah illustrate the sanctification God desires in our lives? 2 Chronicles 29:5, 16-17

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6. How does God describe His children in 1 Peter 2:9-10?

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7. How then should we conduct ourselves in this world? 1 Peter 2:11-12

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8. Is there any sin so awful that a sinner cannot be forgiven, cleansed, and become sanctified and justified before God? 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

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9. Every Christian was instantly sanctified (positionally in Christ) the moment they received the Savior by faith. How is positional sanctification described in the following verses?

Hebrews 10:10 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Corinthians 1:2 \_\_\_\_\_

Positional sanctification is one thing, but to live like a saint (holy one) is another matter. We must grow and learn to walk in sanctification.

10. What important role does the Bible play in progressive and experiential sanctification?

John 17:17

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Ephesians 5:25-27

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2 Corinthians 3:18

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2 Corinthians 7:1

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11. What roll do your spiritual leaders play in progressive sanctification? Ephesians 4:11-13

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12. What does God do when His children do not walk in sanctification and separation from this world's system? Hebrews 12:9-11

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13. When will our sanctification be complete?

1 John 3:2-3

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Philippians 1:6

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1 Thessalonians 5:23

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**Think about it this week:**

*When the Lord saved me, He gave me such a yank heavenward I've been out of joint with the world ever since.*

*For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.*

Ephesians 5:8-11