

The Elements of World System

- I.** Satan has designed the world system to stimulate the flesh in directions that contribute to the growth and refinement of the system.
 1. Even extremely negative behaviors highlight the necessity of some governmental order.
 2. “Positive” behaviors are incentivized by the system.
 3. Thus, the system becomes the answer to all issues.
- II.** Christians’ position to the world system.
 1. We are a specially owned possession belonging to Christ (Tit. 2:14; 1 Pet. 2:9, Green’s Lexicon p. 144).
 2. At salvation we were baptized (emersed or dipped) into the death of Christ by the Holy Spirit (Rom. 6:1-4).
 3. At that time, we were crucified to the world system and the system to us (Gal. 6:14).
 - 1) This was positional, or reckoned, because we are in Christ (Gal. 3:26-28).
 - 2) Since we are in Christ, we share His death and no longer belong to the world (Jn. 14:16-17; 15:18-19; 17:9, 18; 1 Jn. 4:17).
 - 3) As believers we have already been separated positionally from a system that is condemned (1 Cor. 7:31; 1 Jn. 2:17).
 - 4) We are to be act separate from the unsaved people who belong to the world system (2 Cor. 6:14-18 *cf.* 1 Jn. 3:10).
 - 5) Our priority is always to be other believers (Gal. 6:10).
- III.** The elements of the world system.
 1. Urbanization, human government, commerce.
 2. Education (Gen. 4:22).
 - 1) Tubal-Cain was an instructor of crafting things out of metals.
 - 2) Immediate class distinctions due to skills.
 - 3) Education appeals to independence from God, cliques, idolatry, self-centeredness, zeal, strife, and envy.