

Pleasant Valley Weekly

Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; Sing praises with understanding. (Psalm 47 : 6–7)

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I want to be like you...

It's funny where inspiration comes from, how a moment in time can mean more to you than to anyone else. For example, I was sitting in my Chiropractor's office watching my children play. The Walt Disney movie "The Jungle Book" was playing on their TV, and the part showing at that moment spoke to me in a way it never has before. The song playing, "I want to be like you," made me wonder—Do we as Christians want to be like the world?

We are supposed to be different, but in the end are we? Do our actions betray us? Does the company we keep speak louder than our convictions? Consider this, when someone who is addicted to drugs or alcohol wants to quit, do they still hang out with their former drug addicted friends or drinking buddies? No, they choose a different crowd to hang out with.

Think about your own life as a Christian. When you became a Christian did you find new friends? Most of us probably did not. How is it that we believe we can hang out with the same friends we did when we were still part of the world, and yet be a different person?

Why are we so dead set on being just like the world when God specifically called us out of it? As the Apostle Paul wrote— "...do not be conformed...be transformed..."

I want to be like you...

- * Nobody likes to be different...

But, Christians are different.

- * Peculiar—belonging to someone else

- * 'periousios' – being beyond usual

- * Why are we different?

God chose us!

It is His desire for us to be separate

- * Why is it important to be different?

"You are who your friends are."

- * How do we stay separated?

We do not conform...we transform.

Remember the butterfly

- * How does God feel when we choose to be like everyone else?

We have rejected Him.

Rebellion and stubbornness are sins

- * Do you as a Christian still want to be like the world? Why?

Chose today. Who do you want to be like, God or man?