

Where Do You Live?

Where do you live? When asked this question we typically answer with a place that has a point of reference, like an address, or landmark. We generally call this place home; where we keep our belongings, where we eat, sleep and feel safe. But what if God were to ask you the question: Where do you live? What and how would you answer that question?

What God wants you to think in terms of is: Are you living in this world or are you living in the true world that exists beyond our senses?

“We must not sell out the gift of being God’s children for a distorted sense of normality.” Pope Francis

“We must not sell out to the temptation of worldliness, of living as if God didn’t exist.” Pope Francis

When we talk about the world around us, we think of the obligations we have to fulfill; work, school, taxes, car, fashion, technology... This world is a world fashioned and driven by limited human understanding of what we believe to be true reality. When everyone has a different idea of what is truth and true reality, it’s hard to comprehend why we tend to listen to everyone else’s interpretation of the world, rather than the one who created it.

“Those who say, “I know him,” but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them. But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him.” 1 John 2: 4-5

So what does it mean to live in the world of God? God’s world exists all around us, it is the true reality that is and always has been. Humans want to make themselves God and tell others what they should and should not do. They set the standard of success and failure. They tell what is necessary and what is a waste of time. Who is they? They is society and anyone who chooses to follow the path of self-appointed gods.

To live in the truth of what really Is, is to discover a world that is untouched by changing technology, complete materialism. Its beauty surpasses all that can be imagined. Its wonders are so vast they could never be learned.

“We are not a ‘religion’ of ideas, of pure theology, beautiful things, of commandments. No, we are a people who follow Jesus Christ and bear witness - who want to bear witness to Jesus Christ - and sometimes this witness leads to laying down our lives.” Pope Francis

How does one go about living in the trueness of the real world? Start living not for yourself, but for all of creation. Become more than you are, by realizing who you are; a child of God, who created you to live, love and share His goodness with all the world.

O Divine Creator,

Create in me a sense of wonder for the vast reality of the world unseen. Flood my soul with a desire to become all that Your Spirit inspires me to be. May I be a delight to Your eye in the way I live, in the words I speak and in the love that I give. AMEN