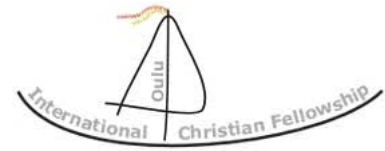


# International Christian Fellowship of Oulu Worship Meeting / Message



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## Living godly in an ungodly world

**Illustration** – risking life's savings to entertain yourself and the world.

You don't care about what God is telling you. You ignore and are indifferent to His Word. You just want to have a good time now. You're not concerned about death or the life after it. Death will wake you up to reality.

Oh to realize that you've lost it all, when you are over with this life! (What shall it profit a man?)  
The place you go to after death is decided before you die.

God in His love sent Jesus. We are saved only by faith in Christ's work. (not by attending church, good works, etc.)

Come to Jesus for forgiveness of sins & eternal life. I hope that you are not throwing away your life. (Mainly for the saved) - "arranging chairs on the deck of a sinking ship"

## God's nature

God is Holy	God is Light (no darkness in Him) (1 Jn1:5)
God has no pleasure in wickedness (Ps 5:4)	All His ways are just. (Dt 32:4)

## God's revelation to mankind

Father – vision of Isaiah (Is 6)

Jesus Christ – JESUS, Slavery, Go & sin no more (1 Jn 3:5,8) [holiness was never compromised]

Holy Spirit – Holy, leads us to truth, convicting the world,

## What has changed for the saved

Devil was our father	God is now our Father
Children of darkness	Children of light
Vessels/children of wrath	Vessels of mercy
Children of disobedience/rebellion	Obedient children
Broad road – destruction (Mt 7:	Narrow road – life
Hell bound	Heaven bound
We were enemies to God (Rm 5:	God is our everything
	"New creation in Christ" (2 Co 5:17)
Enemies	1 Co 6:9-11 – we were once wicked but now are saved.
- Satan (our previous master),	
- World (in it not of it, controlled by the wicked one, lies in wickedness),	
- Self	

## What's the believer's view of sin?

Pleasure – for a season

Fun – bitterness, guilt and death

Sin robs us of our joy and peace. God is not pleased with us. Moreover we lose His sweet fellowship.

Holy calling – 2 Tm 1:9, 1 Pt 1:14-16 – call to holiness

Living holy lives – Mt 5:8, Hb 12:14

It's a contradiction when we say we walk in the light but live ungodly.

## **God's word to the saved (our responsibilities ..not just privileges)..**

### **Let the Bible speak**

Rm 6, 12:1 – **Shall we continue in sin? Let not sin reign. Yield your members. Living sacrifice** - 1 Co 6:19,20

Ep 2:1-6, 5:3-12 – In time past, abstain from all appearance of evil

Co 3:5-10 – mortify, put off

1 Th 4:3-5, 4:7-8, 5:22 – God's will for us

2 Tm 2:19, 22 – Depart (flee) from iniquity

Tt 2:12-14 – Grace of God teaches us

Jd 18-25

Gl 5:16,17 – fruit of the Spirit

Hb 12:10,11

Jm 4:7,8

1 Pt 1:14-17,2:1, 2:9-12, 2:24

1 Jn 2:15-17, 3

### **Difference between living unholy and living holy**

Grieves the Spirit

Bear God's nature in virtue (partakers of the divine nature)

Quenches the Spirit

Fruitful life (filled with the fruit of the Spirit)

Defeated life

Victorious life, filled with divine assurance

Cannot fulfill God's purpose

Used by God as a vessel unto honor

Cannot glorify God

Seeks to glorify God

How is our life? Our actions, words and thoughts? 2 Co 5:14-15 – we are no longer to live for ourselves.

God cannot and does not lead us to sin. His Word is meant to preserve us. His Spirit is given to strengthen us in the battle. When temptations come, will we be faithful to our Lord? (faithful unto death).

### **The return of Jesus**

Our journey on earth will be over one day. Jesus will come. The hope of His coming (1 Jn 3:1-2, 1 Jn 2:28, 2 Tm 4)

We have to stand before the judgment seat of Christ to give an account. Time for reckoning. Time for rewards.

Time for great rejoicing for those who earned rewards for His glory. Are you yearning for that day?

The secret is to "abide in Him" (deep communion with Him – in prayer) and dwell on His eternal Word. We need a heart prepared to obey Him no matter the cost. There is great joy in obedience.

Remember the words of our Lord - We are the salt and the light of the world.