

This week Dr. Baucom continues his sermon series, ***In and Out***. Let's look at how we are being challenged as Christ's disciples to live differently in the world while not becoming a part of it through Dr. Baucom's sermon "***In Hollywood, But Not of It***."

1. Hollywood and the media. The debate has gone on for years. Why do you think many Christians have been fearful of the influence of *Hollywood* in our culture? What has been your experience in being involved in the "arts"? Have you ever been sorry that you went to a particular movie after seeing it? Why? How did you deal with your sorrow?
2. **Read and reflect on 1 John 2:15-17.** John warns us of loving the things of this world. Once you have read this through silently, read it through again slowly and aloud.
 - What is John's warning about loving the things of this world?
 - What does John say loving the world says about our relationship with the Father?
 - What happens to the things of this world?
 - Who does John say lives on in eternity?
3. Read and reflect on **Philippines 3:17-21 & 4:8-9.** Paul encourages us in our perspective and focus.
 - Who does Paul say should be our model?
 - What does Paul say about those who focus on *earthly things*?
 - Where do we as believers hold our citizenship? How might that affect the way we live?
 - In **verses 4:8-9**, where does Paul say we are to focus, what are we to think on? Can this be in conflict with certain movies, TV shows, websites or magazines we view? Share your perspective with your IG.
4. What is Paul's warning in **Colossians 2:6-8**?
5. Where are we to set our hearts and minds according to **Colossians 3:1-4**?
6. What does **2 Corinthians 4:16-18** say to you about where your focus should be? Where are we being renewed? Where do we fix our eyes?
7. In **2 Corinthians 5:17**, Paul mentions our "*new self*" in Christ. How might our participation and involvement in "*Hollywood*" keep us tied to the "old" Paul says is to go away? When it comes to *Hollywood*, what might be in the "old" category that we might need to leave behind?
8. Paul follows up in **Ephesians 4:20-24** concerning the old and new self.
 - By what does Paul say our old self is being corrupted?
 - Where does Paul say we are being made new? And whom are we created to be like?
9. **Read and reflect** on the following passages in Romans:
 - **Romans 1:20-25**
 - **Romans 6:11-14**
 - **Romans 14:1-9**
 - What was happening in the lives of disciples that did not bring glory to God?
 - What parts of ourselves do we offer to sin through the arts, entertainment media and *Hollywood*?
 - How might our decisions about what we can "handle" when it comes to *Hollywood*, arts and these media affect others?
 - Do we have a responsibility to others in the body of Christ for the decisions we make?
10. How does the wisdom of the world and the wisdom of God differ, **1 Corinthians 1:20-25**?