

A Lenten Confession

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Why do we need to separate ourselves from the world?

(1 Cor. 1.18-25; Ex. 20.1-17; Ps. 19; Jn. 2.13-22)

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. The Gospel is the power of God bringing salvation and judgment. We are saved by EMBRACING THE WEAK CROSS.

See also Gal. 6.14; 2.20; Rom. 6.5-7

What is separation or asceticism?

Christians pick something, typically food, to deny themselves during Lent.

Two key things:

Have a strategy.

Understand the cycle of asceticism: romance/pain/revelation/recovery

My Three Confessions:

I am embedded in the world and the world is embedded in me.

I lie to myself about myself.

I hunger for the presence of the Spirit