

# Adopt A High Way

## Introduction

Isaiah 35:8 A highway shall be there, and a road, and it shall be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it, but it shall be for others. Whoever walks the road, although a fool, shall not go astray.

Jeremiah 31:21 "Set up signposts, make landmarks; set your heart toward the highway, the way in which you went. Turn back, O virgin of Israel, turn back to these your cities.

- 1. The "Adopt a Highway" signs remind us how filthy some people are. The litter along the highways and roads of our land is there because some people do not care. It is a testimony to human filthiness.**
- 2. Highways are called high because they are built higher than the surrounding terrain.**
- 3. Christianity is called a "highway" in the prophecy of Isaiah. Those Jews to whom Jeremiah spoke were to return to God by following the "High" Way. It must always be higher than its surroundings.**

## Christianity Is A High Way

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Acts 9:2 and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

### 1. "Highs' way of life:

#### A. Paul wrote of the "High" calling of God in Christ.

Philippians 3:14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

#### B. Christians are "raised to sit with Christ in the "heavenlies"

Ephesians 2:6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

#### C. From baptism, we are raised to walk in newness of life

Romans 6:3-4 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Colossians 2:12 buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

### 2. Yet the Lord's people are surrounded by filth

**2 Peter 2:20-22**

## **A Way Free From Pollution**

### **1. It is a "new and living" way**

Hebrews 10:20 by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh,

### **2. The Church must be kept clean.**

1 Corinthians 5:6-7 Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.

## **2 Corinthians 6:14-17**

### **A. The Word is a cleansing agent**

John 15:3 "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

### **B. We are cleansed by blood**

I John 1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

### **3. Each Christian must remain clean**

James 1:27 Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

## Christians – Adopt the “High” Way of Life

### 1. By Saying NO to:

#### A. Filthy minds

Philippians 4:8-9 Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy-- **meditate on these things**. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

#### B. Filthy mouths

Ephesians 4:29 Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

#### C. Filthy ways

**Jude 14-21**

### 2. By Showing Yourself A Positive Influence By:

#### A. Setting your mind on things above.

Colossians 3:1-3 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

#### B. Looking for Jesus in your life

**Hebrews 12:1-3**

## **Conclusion**

- 1. There's a High or Low way to travel. The decision we make right now may mean the difference in our eternal destiny.**
- 2. There are only two roads of life to travel on.**

Matthew 7:13-14 "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

