

### *Rivers of Living Water*

contact with the world but without conformity to it or contagion from it. The spiritual man aspires to a similar separateness of walk.

He bears the same relationship to the world as Christ bore to it, and the world will have the same attitude toward him that it had toward Christ. The Christian will regard the pleasures, pursuits, principles and plans of the world exactly as Jesus Christ did. He was not of the world, therefore the world hated and persecuted Him. So will it treat the Christian.

*"They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world" (John 17:16).*

*"If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also" (John 15:19-20).*

God calls you to a life of spiritual "isolation" and "insulation" in order that you may be more fully conformed to the image of His Son. Have you responded to the call to come out and be separate?