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(4) Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:

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Many professing Christians view everything from the perspective of [this world](#), blindly assuming it is God's world. They see certain forces of evil in it, which they feel they must oppose. In this vein, they see the Christian duty as working to make this a better world.

However, this concept does not square with Scripture. The Bible speaks of Christ "deliver[ing] us from this present evil age" ([Galatians 1:4](#)). Human society is not of God's making, but Satan's, as are its systems of government, basic philosophies, and business and religious practices. All nations are deceived, swayed, manipulated by the Devil ([Revelation 12:9](#); [20:2-3](#)). In other words, our civilization is Satan's handiwork, not God's.

God's Word tells us to flee from the midst of Babylonian society ([Isaiah 52:11](#); [II Corinthians 6:17](#); [Revelation 18:4](#)). Speaking to the Jews, [Jesus](#) says, "You are from beneath; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world" ([John 8:23](#)). Later, when questioned by Pilate about His Kingdom, "Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here'" ([John 18:36](#)). Although Jesus lived in this world, He clearly saw Himself as a "citizen" of God's heavenly Kingdom. The same holds true of those who follow Him ([Philippians 3:20](#)).

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