

Love Not the World – Part II

I John 2:15-17

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I. Introduction and Review

Believers in the world – vs. 12-14

A. A General Grouping

B. A Specific Grouping

1. Children
2. Young men
3. Fathers

II. God's message to His own in the world – vs. 15-17

A. "Do not (or stop) love(ing) the world – v. 15a

1. Love and hate go hand and hand in scripture
 - a. Psalm 97:10 *"hate evil you who love the Lord"*
 - b. Psalm 119:104, 113, 128, 163
 - c. Romans 12:9: *"Let love be without hypocrisy, abhor what is evil, cling to what is good"*.
 - d. James 4:14
2. The various usages of the word world (Kosmos, 187 times)
 - a. The earth and plants: Acts 17:24
 - b. Mankind: John 3:16
 - c. Worldly System: 1 John 2:15; 5:19

B. "Nor the things in the world" – v. 15b

1. Worldliness is not so much a matter of activity as it is attitude.
2. Worldliness: "anything in a Christians life that causes him to lose enjoyment of the Fathers love or to do the Father's will" – Warren W. Wiersbe

III. Three reasons why we should not *"love the world nor the things in the world"*

A. The world does not love the Father – v. 15c

1. John 15:18, 19

B. The world is not of the Father – v. 16

Three devices of the world to trap the believer

1. The lust of the flesh (desire to have)
 - a. The futility of it – John 6: 63
 - b. A command – Romans 13; 14

c. A promise and warning – Galatians 5:16, 17

d. The result of it – Galatians 5:19-21

e. The world's excesses:

- i. Hunger: gluttony
- ii. Thirst: drunkenness
- iii. Fatigue: laziness
- iv. Sex: immorality

2. The lust of the eyes (the desire to see)

- a. That which looks good is not always good for you
 - i. Genesis 3:6; Proverbs 23:31, 32
- b. Do not look at that which is forbidden
 - i. Joshua 7:21; II Samuel 11:1-17
- c. The wise man will make a covenant with his eyes – Job 31:1

3. The boastful pride of Life

- a. Satan's downfall – Isaiah 14: 12-15
- b. One of Satan's tools – Genesis 3:6
- c. It is the last step before the fall – Proverbs 16:18
- d. God is able to humble the proud – Daniel 4:30

4. A summary

- a. "By sensuality (the lust of the flesh) man sinks to the level of animals; by covetousness (the lust the eyes) he competes on the level of men; by pride, he tries to reach to the heights of God."

C. The world is not like the Father – v. 17

1. The world and all it offers will pass away
 - a. Matthew 24:35 – Revelation 21:1
 - b. Hebrews 11:25, 26
2. Those who do the will of the Father abide forever
 - a. John 4:14, 6:58
 - b. I Peter 1:25