



Series: 1 John

Lesson: 5. God or the World

Passage: 1 John 2:15–17

STRONGLY Recommended Reading: 1 John (weekly) & Gospel of John
(at least once during our study)

- **Why Shouldn't We Love the _____?**
 - Three ways John uses the word 'world' (κόσμος [*kōsmōs*])
 1. Creation (3:17; 4:17; John 1:10)
 2. Humanity

*1 John 2:2 – and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole **world**.*

*John 3:16 – “For God so loved the **world**, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”*

3. The Evil World System under Satan (3:1; 4:3–5; 5:19; John 16:11)

John 15:18–19 – “If the **world** hates you, you know that it has hated Me before it hated you. ¹⁹If you were of the **world**, the **world** would love its own; but because you are not of the **world**, but I chose you out of the **world**, because of this the **world** hates you.”

- John isn't saying that we should hate all of _____, but rather that we can't love the world as it is.

James 4:4 – You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

- We have to remember that the unredeemed world *hates* God, so we can't be seduced by it.

● **Why Shouldn't We Love the _____?**

- 'In the world'=part of it, as opposed to believers (i.e., John 17:15–16)
- Since the world is _____ God, whatever is a part of it would be too.

- Three examples of what is ‘in the world’:
 1. The lust of the flesh –
 2. The lust of the eyes –
 3. The boastful pride of life –
- All sin can be traced back to these three.

*Gen. 3:6 – When the woman saw that the tree was **good for food**, and that it was a **delight to the eyes**, and that the tree was **desirable to make one wise**, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.*

- Significantly, Jesus succeeded where the first Adam failed (Matt. 4:1–11).
- We can’t love ‘things in the world’ because they are the roots of sin!

- **How Should We _____ about the World?**

- We forget that the world won't win in the end because it's where we live.
- Not only is the world ending, but also its _____—ungodly ways of operating are NOT the way things should be!
- Doing God's will puts us against the flow of the world, but we will be the ones who are victorious in the end.

What Do We Do with These Truths?

1. Everyone must decide between the world or _____.

Matt. 12:30 – “He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me scatters.”

2. Every Christian must be careful not to love the _____.

Blanks: World, humanity, Things in the World, set against, Think, desires, God, things of the world