



# The Love of the World

## 1 John 2:15-17

### I. The Love of the World (v. 15)

- A. Do not love the world's \_\_\_\_\_  
(Eph. 2:1-3; Jms. 4:4)
- B. Do not love the world's \_\_\_\_\_  
(Matt. 6:24; Psa. 73:1-3, 12-13, 16-19)
- C. If you do, you may not be \_\_\_\_\_  
(2 Tim. 4:10; 1 Jn. 2:19)

### II. The Lure of the World (v. 16)

- A. The lust of the \_\_\_\_\_  
(Rom. 7:18; Jn. 6:63; Phil. 3:3; Rom. 13:14; Gal. 5:19-21)
- B. The lust of the \_\_\_\_\_  
(Ex. 20:17; Eccl. 4:8; 1 Tim. 6:8-10)

- C. The boastful \_\_\_\_\_ of life  
(Prov. 8:13; 11:2; Rom. 12:16; Jms. 4:6, 16)

### III. The Limit of the World (v. 17)

- A. The worldly system is \_\_\_\_\_  
away (1 Cor. 7:31)
- B. The worldly \_\_\_\_\_ are  
passing away (Rom. 6:20-23)
- C. But whoever does the will of God abides  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Jn. 10:27-29)

### TAKE HOME:

- Has the love of the world \_\_\_\_\_  
in your heart in a way that you did not expect?
- What keeps you from \_\_\_\_\_  
like Demas who deserted the faith?
- Are you meditating on the \_\_\_\_\_  
of the world as well as the limitless joy we have in Christ?

# **Application Questions**

James 1:22 says, *"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."* These questions are designed to help you apply today's message in your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. Have you ever been tempted to make a Bible like Thomas Jefferson did? What parts of the Bible have you been tempted to clip out?
2. Read 1 John 2:15-17. What is the theme of 1 John? How do these verses fit into that over all theme?
3. Read 2 Timothy 4:10. What happened to Demas? How does 1 John 2:19 add to his condemnation? How can you keep this from happening to you?
4. Read 1 John 2:16 again. Briefly describe the differences in the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the boastful pride of life. Which one do you struggle with the most?

5. Read Psa. 73:1-3, 12-13, 16-19. Do you identify with Asaph's struggle? What helped him when he was about to give in? What can we learn from Psalm 73?
6. Read 1 John 2:17. Now look at 1 Cor. 7:31; Rom 6:20-23; and Jn. 10:27-29. What are the limitations of the world? Knowing these limits, why do we as Christians still struggle so much with worldly desires?
7. Look at the take home questions. Which one challenges you or encourages you the most? Why? How will this message help you in your spiritual life?

*"Worldliness is not so much a matter of activity as of attitude. It is possible, for a Christian to stay away from questionable amusements and doubtful places and still love the world, for worldliness is a matter of the heart."*

- Warren Wiersbe