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1 John 2:15-17

Studies from the book of 1 John

Our avenue out of worldliness is to love God more each day as you wake up and allow His divine Joy to engulf you. He's commanding us to abide in Him continuously.

Introduction

We are born in sin and shaped in iniquity {Psalms 51:5-10 } which means that we enter into this world with sinful natures in which we tend to sin. Even as a baby we are self-centered, so loving others before us is not normal for us. God knows this so he provided guidelines from his word to help us govern our lives.

First John 2:15–17 is cautioning us about worldly attitudes which start in our heart {Jeremiah 17:9 }. Other portions of this chapter discuss how behavior provides evidence of fellowship with God. Here, John explains that thoughts and desires do the same thing. Since these are temptations, a believer can slip into them.

John 2:15-17

¹⁵ Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father but is from the world. ¹⁷ The world is passing away and also its lusts, but the one who does the will of God continues to live forever.

The emphasis of the context is believers who without a doubt, honestly love God do not love the world and things of the world

I. Do not love the world, {Satan invisible spiritual system to combat the work of Christ on earth}

v 15: **"Do not love the world or the things of the world"**

- a. **Do not:** appeal to our emotional behavior, not rational which comes from our belief. It is what I do because I feel & love it. It begins at birth wanting what I want when I want it, progressing and it gets worse when there is no Godly discipline, modeling, or guideline involved.

Set of ideas, activities, purposes etc...

- b. **love** This love is the love of the world that has marks of our will, intelligent and purposeful choice, which causes carnally minded.

vs 16: **"For all that is in the world...."**

- "the lust of the flesh"- which does not mean the body but the basic nature of the unregenerated man that makes him blind and has a sinful desire which seeks sinful gratification.
- "the lust of the eyes" – pleasure that gratifies the sight and mind that reaches out beyond what a person can sometimes actually get a hold of in their sinning.
- "The pride of life" – the meaning describes a person who is trying to impress people of their importance (pride, vainglory) - "is arrogance which presumes that it can decide and direct the course of life without God, decide what they will do, gain, achieve and love.

"For all thatis not from the Father but is from the world." Sole for this life

vs 17:**And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.**

-The **"world"** -signifies a spiritual system of sin, lust, evil, pride, and rebellion against God.

- **"passing away"** - The world is the very source of "all that" is **passing away** is occurring now and that is a fact, being passed away by the

decree of God for the consummation by fire and for the arrival of the Kingdom of God here "New Heaven and Earth" (Rev. 11:15).

- **"But whoever does the will of God abides forever."** -The believer who lives loving God more than this world and following His will of God. He is a wise man aligned with something eternal.

{James 4:4 Mt. 10:37}

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Surrender Roman 12:1-2 presents your body as a living Sacrifice

He reveals His will 119:105 a lamp to our feet

Summary

We, children of God, live in a world, where we are constantly faced with issues. Sometimes daily and other times moment-by-moment. We must decide on whether we going to love God or the world.