

Intro:

IX. Love that God Hates

A. The Command Not to Love the World - vs 15a

1. To what “the World” is not referring

a. not the physical world of created order

i. declared to be good after creation finished

ii. Though part of a fallen sin corrupted system, still declares the glory of

God - **Ro 1:19-20; Ps 19:1-6**

b. not the world of humanity

i. God loves mankind - 2:2; 4:9-10,14; Jo 3:16; **2 Co 5:19**

ii. Even lost humanity - **Eze 18:32; 33:11**

2. To what “the World” is referring

a. the world or the things in the world

i. *kosmos* - orderly arrangement, decoration; the world, adorning.

ii. the invisible spiritual system of evil

- governed by Satan - **Eph 2:2; 1 Jo 5:19; Jo 12:31**

- includes the false teaching and philosophies - **1 Jo 4:1-5;**

- contrary to Christ and His followers - **Jo 15:18-19; 17:14**

- affects the reception of God’s truth - **Mt 13:19,38; 2 Co 4:3-4**

iii. it is at war against the kingdom of God - **2 Co 10:3-5; Eph 6:10-17**

- *ochuroma* - a castle (argument):--stronghold.

- *logismos* - computation, reasoning (conscience, conceit):--

imagination, thought.

- works through the reasoning aspect of man; ideologies or belief

systems ranging from

-primitive animalistic systems

-to sophisticated, complex, world religions, philosophies,

political theories, or any unbiblical worldviews

b. Do not love

i. *agapao* - to love (in a social or moral sense):--(be-)love(-ed).

- God’s type of love for a lost world

- self-sacrificing love

ii. Pres. Imp - Stop loving the world

- command to stop doing a continuing action that is presently being done

- some believers look to the reasoning of the world or a worldview

that has its root in unbiblical ideologies or philosophies

B. Reasons Believers are not to Love the World - vs 15b-17

1. The two kingdoms are inherently incompatible

a. kingdom of light /darkness - **2 Cor 6:14-18; Jo 3:20; 15:19**

b. kingdom of righteousness/ unrighteousness - **Mt 6:25-34; Ro 14:11-19;**

2. B/c of Who we are - vs 15b

a. saved people

i. are forgiven - Ps 86:5; 130:3-4; Isa 1:18; Mt 26:28; Lk 1:77; Eph 1:7; 4:32; Col 1:14; 2:13-14; 3:13; 1 Jo 2:12

ii. Have a true knowledge of God - 2 Co 2:14; 4:6; Eph 4:13; Col 1:9-10

- iii. Have the Word of God abiding in them - Ps 119:11; Col 3:16
 - iv. Have overcome Satan - Jas 4:7; 1 Jo 4:4
 - v. have a growing relationship w/ God - 1 Jo 2:12-14
 - b. It does not mean that the allurements are not there
 - i. We are still fallen though saved by grace - **Ro 7:14,18**
 - ii. We are still susceptible to temptation - Gal 6:1; Jas 1:13-15; 1 Pet 5:8-9
 - c. If anyone loves the world,
 - i. a demonstration that the love of the Father is not in him - 2:19
 - ii. Demas - 2Ti 4:10 For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica
- 3. B/c of what the world does - vs 16
 - a. two phrases - describes the source of the three areas of temptation
 - i. For all that is in the world
 - ii. but is of the world
 - b. Sin
 - i. lawlessness - 1 Jo 3:4 - any violation of God's Holy Law
 - God's law encompasses all that is righteous - Ps 19:7; 119:142; Isa 42:21
 - sin encompasses all that is unrighteous - Pr 24:9; Mt 15:19; 1 Jo 5:17
 - ii. Though demonstrated through outward actions, the source is the heart - **Mk 7:14-23**
 - iii. By nature, sin is both rebellious and ungrateful - Ro 1:21
 - iv. It is humanly incurable - **Ro 8:7-8; 1 Co 2:14; Eph 2:1**
 - v. it is passed like a genetic condition through the pro-creative process
 - vi. It is universal - **Ro 3:10-12,23; 5:12**
 - c. the three areas of temptation
 - i. the lust of the flesh
 - the base cravings of evil hearts
 - flesh denotes humanness and its essence
 - lust - NT word (epithumia) denoting both positive and negative desires - not limited to sexual sins
 - the base desire of the heart perverts and distorts all normal desires - Jer 17:9; sending them into a relentless slavish pursuit of evil that exceeds proper limits of what is good, reasonable, and righteous - Ga 5:19-21
 - ii. the lust of the eyes,
 - the eyes are a gift from God - Pr 20:12; Eccl 11:7
 - sin perverts the use of the eyes creating dissatisfaction, covetousness, and idolatry - Ps 106:20; Mt 5:27-29; Ro 1:23
 - iii. the pride of life
 - the arrogance that motivates all other sin - Ps 10:2-4,11; 75:4; Pro 26:12
 - sinners exalting themselves, seeking fulfillment in that which glorifies the creature - **Ro 1:22-25**
 - iv. is not of the Father
- 4. B/c of where the world is going - vs 17
 - a. And the world is passing away,
 - i. *parago* - to lead near, to go along or away:--depart, pass (away, by, forth).
 - ii. Pres. Tense - already in the process of self-destruction - 1 Co 7:31b
 - iii. Designed to dissolve - **Ro 8:20-21; 2 Pe 3:10**
 - b. and the lust of it; - the ideologies that oppose God and Christ
 - c. but he who does the will of God abides forever.
 - i. 1Th 1:10 and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.
 - ii. 1Th 5:9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, - **Phil 3:3-11**