

- A. The doctrine of the antithesis is the corollary of the doctrine of the covenant.
- B. Our text reflects the doctrine of the antithesis.
- C. The doctrine of the antithesis also underlies the purpose for applicatory sermons.

1 John: Knowing God's Love (8) Stop Loving the World!

I. The Prohibition.

- A. The word "world" in our text refers to this earthly creation from an ethical viewpoint.

- B. This world, we are to stop loving.

- 1. Note what we are *not* called to do.

- 2. Note what we *are* called to do.

- 3. Note that we are accused of doing what we may not do.

II. The Reasons.

- A. All that is in the world has its source, not in the Father, but in the world.

- B. One who loves the world does not have the Father's love in him.

- C. The world is temporary, while God's life in us is permanent.

III. The Possibility.

- A. How can I stop loving the world?

- B. God gives us the power.

- C. Implied is a calling. If we will stop loving the world, we must also . . .