

Do Not Love the World (1 John 2:15-17)

In 1 John the apostle makes sharp contrasts between light and darkness

He distinguishes between what is love for sin & love for God

I. Love for the World Drives out Love for the Father

“If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him (v.15b)

All that is in the world: lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, pride of life

A. The world and its lust will pass.

II. If You Do the Will of the Father, You Will Live for Ever

“But he who does the will of God abides forever” v.17

For this is the love God, that we keep His commandments” 1 John 5:3

A. Saving faith and love for God (1 John 5:13)

B. One way of salvation (1 John 5:3-4)

C. Paul and James in Harmony

III. Two Reasons for a lack of or Absence of Much Love for God.

1. You might not be born again

Cultural Christianity – no evidence of the Holy Spirit (2 Tim 3: 1-5)

2. Your Love for God has waned or cooled and weakened

Same power exerted in saving you is the same power needed to revive you

IV. Love for God and Love for the World Cannot Coexist

A. The ‘world’ we are not to love

V. How Do We Deal with Our Desires?

• Do you desire God in everything you desire (Col 3:17; 1 Cor 10:31)