

“Do Not Love the World”

I John 2:12-17

- I. We should not love the world because of who we are
 - A. All believers are forgiven of their sins
 - B. Mature believers enjoy an intimate knowledge of God
 - C. Young believers are learning to win spiritual battles
 - 1. We can be strong in Christ

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.” (Ephesians 6:10)

- 2. We can have the Word of God live in us

“I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.” (Psalm 119:11)

- 3. We can be victorious

- D. New believers can rejoice in a new relationship with God

- II. We should not love the world because of what the world is

- A. The world is a spiritual system opposed to God

“If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.” (John 15:18)

- B. The world is a spiritual system ruled by Satan

“We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one.” (I John 5:19)

- III. We should not love the world because of what the world does to us

- A. Love of the world pushes out love for God

“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of the world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” (Romans 12:2)

“You adulterous people, don’t you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.” (James 4:4)

- B. The world will tempt us to reject the will of God

- 1. We are tempted by the lust of the flesh

- 2. We are tempted by the lust of the eyes

3. We are tempted by the pride of life

IV. We should not love the world because of where the world is going

A. The world system is doomed and will not last

B. God's kingdom is eternal and will last forever