

I. We should not love the world because of who we are

A. All believers are _____ of their sins

B. Mature believers enjoy an intimate _____

C. Young believers are learning to win _____

1. We can be _____

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

2. We can have the _____ 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 _____

D. New believers can rejoice in a new relationship _____

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

A. The world is a spiritual system _____

“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 _____

“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 _____

“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 _____

1. We are tempted by the lust of the _____

2. We are tempted by the lust of the _____

3. We are tempted by the _____

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

A. The world system is _____ and will _____

B. God's kingdom is _____ and will last _____

"The Spirit of the Antichrist"

I John 2:18-27

I. We need to be aware of opposition to Christ (v. 18-19)

A. The presence of antichrists reveal the coming of the _____

B. The opposition of the antichrists shows up in the _____

"Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them." (Acts 20:30)

C. The antichrists reveal themselves by leaving the _____

II. We need to be well grounded in our faith (v. 20-23)

A. We trust in God's _____

B. We trust in the truth of _____

C. We trust in Jesus Christ, the _____

"If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God." (I John 4:15)

D. We trust in _____

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me." (John 14:1)

III. We need to remain committed to the gospel (v. 24-25)

A. The gospel must be in our _____

B. The gospel introduces us to _____ with God

C. The gospel brings us the promise of _____

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, so that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

IV. We need to not be deceived by the antichrists (v. 26-27)

A. We are helped by the _____ of the Holy Spirit

“Now is it God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.” (2 Corinthians 1:21-22)

B. We are helped by the _____ of the Holy Spirit

“But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.” (John 14:26)

C. We are helped by the truth of the Holy Spirit

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever – the Spirit of truth.” (John 14:16)

D. We are helped by _____