

Don't Love the World 1 John 2:12-17

Main Idea: John affirms his readers are believers and warns them not to love the world system that opposes God.

I. John affirms his readers are believers (2:12-14).

³⁴ "They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them," declares the Lord, "for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more." Jeremiah 31:34 (NASB)

II. John warns them not to love the world system that opposes God (2:15-17)

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. John 3:16 (NASB)

A. What does it mean to love the world?

⁴ You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. James 4:4 (NASB)

⁶ When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make *one* wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate. Genesis 3:6 (NASB)

B. Loving the world is incompatible with loving God.

C. Loving the world is foolish since it will pass away.

III. How you can stop loving the world.