



What Our Love For The World Reveals

Pastor Kevin Hurt

1 John 2:15-17

01/20/19

REVIEW — Let's remember what we learned in our study of 1 John 2...

John's Afflictions to the Comfortable (Exhortations) — vs. 1-11

Test # 1 — Do you confess Christ and your sin, and do you have a spirit of loving obedience to Christ?

Test # 2 — Do you love others *like* Christ has loved you?

John's Comfort to the Afflicted (Encouragements) — vs. 12-14

“*Little children/children*” — The encouragement of **SINS** forgiven. (vs. 12, 13c)

“*Fathers*” — The encouragement of **SOVEREIGNTY** forever. (v. 13a, 14a)

“*Young men*” — The encouragement of **STRONG** faith. (vs. 13b, 14b)

INTRODUCTION — John's Prohibition (v. 15) and Promise (v. 17)

The Command — “*Do not love the world nor the things in the world.*”

The Concept — The World ... Greek “*kosmos*” (used 186 times in the N.T.)

- The world as a **PLACE**. (Matthew 13:35; Acts 17:24; 1 Timothy 6:7)
- The world as a **PEOPLE**. (John 1:10; 3:16)
- The world as a **PHILOSOPHY**. (John 15:18-19; Ephesians 6:11-12; James 4:4; 1 John 4:4-6, 5:4-5,19)

I. LOVE FOR THE WORLD REVEALS OUR TRUE DISPOSITION. v. 15

*“if anyone **loves** the world, the **love** of the Father is not in him.”*

The Question — What does your LOVE reveal about you?

II. LOVE FOR THE WORLD REFLECTS OUR TEMPORAL DELUSION. v. 16

*“For all that is **in** the world ... **is not** from the Father, **but is** from the world.”*

*“The **lust** of the **flesh**”* — This is the CRAVINGS for sin = Self-PLEASING

*“and the **lust** of the **eyes**”* — This is the CONNECTION to sin = Self-PURSUIITS

*“and the **boastful pride** of life”* — This is the CONCLUSION of sin = Self-PROMOTIONS

The Question — What do your LONGINGS reveal about you?

III. LOVE FOR THE WORLD RESULTS IN OUR TRAGIC DESTRUCTION. v. 17

*“The **world is passing away**, and also its lusts; ...”*

*“... but the one who does the will of God **lives forever**.”*

The Question — What does your LIFESTYLE reveal about you?

Apply it — So what should we do with what we’ve heard today?