

Flag Branch Missionary Baptist Church  
Baptist Training Union

**1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> John**  
How Should A Christian Live

**Study 4: Love Of The World – 1 John 2:15 - 2:17**

15. Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.
16. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.
17. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

**Discussion**

- A. What is “the world” John is referring to? Furthermore, what are “the things in the world”? How is the “the world” God so loved in John 3:16 different from “the world” John is referring to here? v. 15
- B. How does or how can anyone love “the world” or “the things in the world”? Explain why you think the love of the world and/or the things in the world is a problem with God? v. 15
- C. How would you define or describe what John calls “the love of the Father”? Is it more about the kind of love the Father has or more about the love one has for the Father? Or is it some blend of these or something else? v. 15.
- D. Why can't both the love of the world and/or the things of the world and the love of the Father both reside within a person? v. 15.
- E. John identifies three things associated with “the love of the world” that are in the world. What are they? Describe what you think each one is and how it is different from (or similar to) the other two. v. 16.
- F. Of the three, which one seems to be causing the greatest interference to Christian faith today? What is the appeal of it and of the other two? v. 16
- G. John says these things are not from or of the Father, but of or from world. Can you explain how the things in and of the world are from the world and not from the Father? v. 17

- H. What does John say about the endurance of the world? What else does he say will pass away? What does he mean? v. 17.
  
- I. If John is correct about the temporary nature of things, why does that not seem to matter to so many people? Why does it matter or not matter to you? v. 17
  
- J. What is the outcome of the father's love abiding within oneself and doing His will? Why should this be enough? Why isn't or wasn't this enough for the ones who love and loved the world? v. 10
  
- K. How can a person be sure he or she has the love of the father and not the love of the world or the things of the world? Do you think it is possible to have the love of both at the same time? What does your answer imply about salvation? v. 17