

ASSURANCE: How to Know That You Have Eternal Life

Lesson Six • 1John 2:12-17

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Four Reasons Why Believers Should Not Love the World

Reason #1 Because of Who the BELIEVER Is!

Remember What's True about You as a Believer

- Your sins are FORGIVEN for the sake of Christ's name.

*I write to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.
1John 2:13*

- You KNOW God the Father and His Son Jesus.

*I write to you, fathers, because you have known Him who is from the beginning.
I write to you, little children, because you have known the Father. 1John 2:13*

- You have OVERCOME the wicked one.

*I write to you, young men, because you have overcome the wicked one. 1John 2:13
I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God
abides in you, and you have overcome the wicked one. 1John 2:14*

Reason #2 Because of What the WORLD Is!

The "World" We Are Not to Love

It's not the world of creation nor the world of humanity, but rather the world SYSTEM with its philosophy, principles, and practices.

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Description of the World System

- The world system is operated by SATAN. 1John 5:19; John 12:31
- The world system is opposed to GOD. 1John 3:13; John 15:18-19

Reason #3 Because of What the World DOES to Us!

Love for God and Love for the World Cannot Coexist in the Same Heart

Either love for the WORLD pushes out love for God or love for GOD pushes out love for the world.

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. 1John 2:15

Beware of Three Temptations

The world uses the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life to SEDUCE your heart away from God.

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. 1John 2:16

Reason #4 Because of Where the World Is GOING!

Loving the World Is a Deadly Affair

The world is self-destructing and headed for God's final judgment, and all who love this world will PERISH with it.

And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever. 1John 2:17

Two Possibilities If You Don't Feel Much Love for God

- You are not a true believer therefore you're still DEAD in your sins.
- You are a true believer but your love for God has grown WEAK.