

WHY THE CHRISTIAN SHOULD NOT “*LOVE THE WORLD*”

1 JOHN 2:12-17









1. BECAUSE OF WHAT THE CHRISTIAN IS (V12-14)

- The **little children**... have “known the Father”, and their “sins are forgiven”
- The **fathers**... “have known Him who is from the beginning”
- The **young men**... “have overcome the wicked one...are strong, and the Word of God abides in you”

2. BECAUSE OF WHAT THE WORLD IS (V15)

- “World” – can mean the earth (Acts 17:24)
- Or can mean “mankind / people” – (John 3:16)
- Both ideas together in John 1:10

- But this is about the system which is opposed to Jesus Christ.
- 1 John 5:19... John 12:31....Luke 16:8
- The Christian is distinct from this – John 15:18.. And must not be conformed to it (Romans 12:2)

3. BECAUSE OF WHAT THE WORLD DOES TO US (V15-16)

- It wants us to choose between two masters.
- Three traps used (v16)
 - ***The lust of the flesh***
 - ***The lust of the eyes***
 - ***The pride of life***

Remember how Achan stole the spoils of war, remember how David looked at Bathsheba, and sinned... and remember the consequences...



4. BECAUSE OF WHERE THE WORLD IS GOING (V17)

- This world is passing away...
- 2 Cor 4:18 ...*the things which are seen are temporary...but the things which are not seen are eternal.*
- Heb 13:14 ...*For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come.*