FIRST JOHN 2:15-23 DO NOT LOVE THE WORLD!

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Do Not Love the World

<u>1In 2:15</u> Do not love (agape) the world (emphatic! - stop considering the world precious!) or the things in the world.

• (Rom 12:2) And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

If anyone loves the world, the love of (from) the Father (finds no room in you) is not in him.

- (1Jn 2:5) But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.
- (*Jn 14:23*) Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.
- (Jas 4:4) Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.
- Is there any part of us that considers the world precious? "World" does not refer to nature but to the worldly system created by man, man's standards and values, whose prince is the Devil,

<u>1Jn 2:16</u> 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.

- (Ecc 5:10-11) He who loves silver will not be satisfied with silver; Nor he who loves abundance, with increase. This also is vanity. [11] When goods increase, They increase who eat them; So, what profit have the owners Except to see them with their eyes?
- This is the world we are not to love: the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes (the desire to see that which is perverse), and the pride of life (the desire to rule over others). Satan used these three things to tempt Eve, as well as Jesus! Jesus showed us there that we do not have to be anything but a man, who is walking in the light, submitted to God's Word, to defeat Satan!

<u>1In 2:17</u> And the world is passing (presently passing - disintegrating) away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

• (1Co 7:31) and those who use this world as not misusing it. For the form of this world is passing away.

• The things of the world, promises of its immediate fulfillment, are always followed by misery, death and destruction and will pass away. We all must look down the road we are on and see its end result! Where will we spend eternity? The story of Lot; drug addiction; illicit romantic experiences. (2 Peter3:11) Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,

Warning Concerning Antichrists (Opponents-anti-instead of, the Messiah) - Truth and Error 11n 2:18 Little children,

- *Little Children* used nine times in this epistle.
- (Joh 21:5) Then Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any food?" They answered Him, "No." it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming,
 - (1Pe 4:7) But the end of all things is at hand; therefore, be serious and watchful in your prayers.
 - Last hour (end times, "latter times" or "last days," that is the **time period between** the first and second comings of Christ) We are to always be ready for His Second Coming, His return to set up His Kingdom here on earth! Three things are accomplished when the church focuses on His imminent return! 1. Urgency to get the gospel out! 2. It puts the right perspective on the things of the world, keeping a light touch on material things. 3. It gives us a desire for purity! To be ready for His return!

even now many antichrists (those manifesting hostility against Christ or magnifying themselves instead of Christ, always demeaning who He is) have come,

• (2Th 2:3) Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, ACLU, and others have been so welcomed in our schools, courts, government. Jesus Christ and "one nation, under God" have been excluded!

by which we know that it is the last hour (last time- the age that we live in, when only the church can participate in the Holy Communion).

- (2Jn 1:7) For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. (1Ti 4:1) Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,
- Many false prophets and teachers are deceiving people today. (Mat 24:11) Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. (2Pe 2:3) By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time, their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber. (2Pe 2:14) having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin, enticing unstable souls. They have a heart trained in covetous practices and are accursed children.

1Jn 2:19 They went out from us, but they were not of us.

• (Deu 13:13) 'Corrupt men have gone out from among you and enticed the inhabitants of their city, saying, "Let us go and serve other gods" —which you have not known—

for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out

• (Mat 24:24) For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

- (1Co 11:19) For there must also be factions among you, that those who are approved may be recognized among you.
- A healthy church can purge itself of poisons.

Deceptions of the Last Hour

1Jn 2:20 But you have (now) an anointing (an unction, a smearing, special endowment)

- Every believer in Jesus Christ our Savior has already been anointed by the Holy One, who has given each one the Holy Spirit as the moment they believed! God has placed the Holy Spirit upon your life! knowing what is false and what is true concerning the Spirit.
- (2Co 1:21) Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God,

from the Holy One,

• (Act 3:14) But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you,

and you know all things (possess the resource for knowing the truth).

- (Joh 16:13) However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.
- The word "*know*" here comes from a Greek word (*eido*, *oida*) meaning to know by intuition. We know some things intuitively by the anointing of the Holy Spirit. This is a real protection against false teaching! The eternal Holy Spirit of God comes into our lives! How great is that?

<u>1 In 2:21</u> I have <u>not</u> written to you because you do <u>not</u> know the truth, (You know this intuitively, but be on guard!) but because you know it, and that no lie is of the truth (consistent with Christianity).

• You have the truth. Stick with it! (Acts 17:11) These (the Bereans) were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so. They received willingly. Then they put it to the test by proving it to themselves by searching the Scriptures!

1Jn 2:22 Who is a liar but he who denies that

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Jesus is the Christ (The promised Messiah)? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.

• (Dan 11:37) He shall regard neither the God of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above them all. (1Jn: 4:3) and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

<u>1Jn 2:23</u> Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either. (It is only by the Son of God that the Father is made known to people. You cannot have One without the Other. That is how the Father sees things).

• (Joh 15:23) He who hates Me hates My Father also. (Joh 5:23) that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him

he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also. (All who have just views of the Savior are in fact acquainted with the true God and are heirs of eternal life).

(1Jn 4:15) Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. (1Jn 5:1) Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him.

SUMMARY- Benefits/Application:

- **Do Not Love the World vs. 15-17 It takes away from the love of (from) God from us!** Worldly lust passes away, but doers of God will abide forever! Too many are being overcome by the world because of weakness in His word!
- **Deceptions of the Last Hour vs. 20-23 We have anointing from the Holy One;** We know truth; We who acknowledge the Son have the Father also!

Pray Today: We thank the *LORD* for all things! Every day may it be a "Thanksgiving Day!" For a great revival in the Church! For many to come to Jesus! *President & V.P.:* **Donald & Melania Trump**; **J.D & Usha Vance**; Senate majority leader **John Thune**; Speaker of the House **Mike Johnson!**

The Battle Belongs To The Lord Jamie (Sue) Collins by Maranatha Music

In heavenly armor we'll enter the land The battle belongs to the Lord No weapon that's fashioned against us shall stand The battle belongs to the Lord

(Chorus) We sing glory, honor Power and strength to the Lord We sing glory, honor Power and strength to the Lord

When the power of darkness comes in like a flood The battle belongs to the Lord He's raised up a standard, the power of His blood The battle belongs to the Lord (Chorus)

To the Lord - When your enemy presses in hard do not fear The battle belongs to the Lord Take courage my friend, your redemption is near The battle belongs to the Lord (Chorus 2x)