

:Scripture References

John 1:12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 1:9-10 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.

Matt 6:24 No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

James 4:4 You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.

Phil 3:20 But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ,

Heb 11:13 All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth.

Signs that you love the world:

1. You have no intimacy with God
2. You lack generosity
3. You compromise morals
4. You are willing to sacrifice your family for success
5. You have no spiritual influence
6. You hang onto sin
7. You are steeped in materialism
8. You have no fear of God

Heb 10:24-25 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Rom 12:2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Authentic Jesus, A Study in 1 John

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Fred Hennes, Sermon #638, "The Love God Hates" (1 John 2:12-17)

Children have experienced _____, fathers have experienced _____, and young men have experienced _____.

The New Testament word "Kosmos" has at least three different meanings. It can mean the physical world, the human world, or the invisible spiritual _____ opposed to God.

John's stern warning is that we are not to love Satan's system of values and goals from which God is _____ and _____.

A Christian is a member of the human world, who lives in the physical world, but does not belong to the present _____ world.

_____ in a Christian's life that causes him to lose his enjoyment of the Father's love, or his desire to do the Father's will, is worldly and must be avoided.

A person in love with the world lives for three sinful desires:

1. Lust of the _____
2. Lust of the _____
3. The pride of _____

Loving God and rejecting the sinful things the world offers is real _____ which has no real ending.

Life Group Ice-Breaker Question

1. Can you name a personal love / hate relationship and explain why you feel about it as you do?

Discussion Questions

2. Regarding this sermon, is there any truth that stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful or difficult to grasp?
3. If you were to preach this sermon, what would you emphasize, add or subtract? How would you make it more memorable?
4. Read the account of Achan's sin in Joshua 7. Was his downfall related to the lust of flesh, the lust of the eyes, or the pride of life? Explain.
5. What downward steps did Lot take in falling in love with the world? (See Gen 13:5-13, 14:8-14; 19). What was the final outcome?

6. Review the list of the 8 signs that you love the world. Which of these 8 signs are most likely to show up in your life?

Application Questions & Prayer

7. Practically speaking, how can a person renew their mind (Rom 12:2)?
8. What can you do to keep yourself from becoming a friend of the world?
9. Pray for your renewed desire to implement all the resources God has provided so that you remain in love with Him.