

L1 | "This World and The World to Come" | Ephesians 1:15-2:3

I. Intro/Review:

- We live in "this world" however it may be that we don't know much about it. Our understanding of "this world" is hindered by the truth that we live within it, we dwell on the earth.
- The verbiage of our understanding is dictated by those who have gone before us and what was passed to them; however they too were and are limited by theirs and others carnal perspective.
- Yet, at the same time, although we get understanding from the limited perspective of ourselves and others, it is important to know the "things of this world" - for we live therein.
- "This world" and all those therein "look at the things which are seen - for the things which are seen are temporal;"
- For those "in Christ" we have received so much more than just what "eye can see" and "hear can hear" or that which the "heart" can conjure up in its imaginations and fancies. Those in Christ gain two more fundamental things for consideration -
 1. The knowledge and understanding of another world, not this world - a world greater than this one, a world that is and is to come, and
 2. From that greater world that is and is to come the accurate and true knowledge and understanding of this world.

II. Preview:

1. Definitions & Usage
2. This World
 1. Initial Facts & Usage
 2. Between Two Worlds

III. Sermon:

1. Definitions & Usage

1. "aion" - G165 - 102 verses, 128 uses
 - Period of time, age, course, "beginning of the, while the", without end
 - The worlds, universe
 - Forever, an unbroken age, perpetuity of time, eternity
 - Translation
 - "for ever"
 - "forevermore"
 - "for ever" and "ever" - Gal. 1:5; Php. 4:20; 1 Tim. 1:17; 2 Tim. 4:18; Heb. 1:8;
 - "never"

- "course" - Eph. 2:2
- "ages" - Eph. 2:7; Col. 1:26
- "eternal" - Eph. 3:11
- "world" "without end." - Eph. 3:21
- "worlds" - Heb. 1:2, 11:3
- "ever" -Heb. 7:24

2. **"aionios" - G166 - 69 verses, 71 uses** (Rom. 16; Tit. 1:2

- Perpetual - eternal, for ever, everlasting
- Compare to "chronos" - G5550 - a space of time, particular period
 - Time, long, ago, oftentimes, while, times, a space, season, "world G166 began G5550"
- **Translation**
 - "everlasting" - Matt. 18:8 (fire)
 - "eternal" - Matt. 19:16 (life)
 - "for ever" - Phm. 1:15

3. **"ge" - G1093 - 226 verses, 252 uses**

- the ground, the main land as opposed to the sea, a country enclosed within fixed boundaries
- Soil, a region
- **Translation**
 - "land"
 - "earth" - "earthly"
 - "country"
 - "ground"
 - "world" - Rev. 13:3

4. **"kosmos" - G2889 - 152 verses, 187 uses**

- Apt and harmonious arrangement or constitution, order, government
- The ornament of the heavens
- Orderly arrangement; decoration
- Wide or narrow sense - inhabitants literally or figuratively
- World affairs - the whole circle of earthly goods, endowments riches, advantages, pleasures, etc which although hollow and frail and fleeting, stir desire, seduce from God and are obstacles to the cause of Christ
- **Translation**
 - "world"
 - "adorning" - 1 Pet. 3:3 (1x)

5. **"oikoumene" - G3625 - 15 verses, 15 uses**

- Similar to G1093 (#3 - ge - land, earth, soil, country, region)
- the portion of the earth inhabited, the inhabitants of the earth

- Roman empire
- Translation
 - "world"
 - "earth"

2. This World

1. Initial Facts & Usage

- Old Testament - not expressed
- New Testament - 38 exact matches of the phrase
 - From Matt. 12:32 to Rev. 11:15
 - Inexact matches but close
 - Gal. 1:4 - "this present evil world"
 - 2 Tim. 4:10 - "having love this present world,"
 - Tit. 2:12 - "this present world"

2. Contrasts

1. "this world" "the world to come"

- Matt. 12:32 - "neither in this world, neither in the world to come"
- Mar. 10:30 - "But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life."
- Luke 18:30 - "Who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting."
- Jn. 15:18-19 - "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, and the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you."
- Jn. 18:36 - "Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence."
- Eph. 1:21 - "Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:"
- Heb. 2:5 - "For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak."
- 1 Tim. 4:8 - "For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come."
- 1 Tim. 6:19 - "Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life."

1. "into the world" "I leave the world"
 - Jn. 16:28 - "I came forth from the Father, am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father."
 - Jn. 17:11 - "And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee..."
 - This one has always existed - this difference between the world with the Father and the world the Father is not in.
3. **Summary**
 1. Two Worlds - with the Father to that of on the earth
 2. Two Worlds - the order and life with the Father to that on earth
 - Revelation 11:15 - "And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever."
 - The convergence - the change

IV. **Conclusion:**

- Light of the world
- The care(s) of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in
- The foundation of the world and the beginning of the world
- The field is the world
- The harvest is the end of the world
- The gain of the whole world
- Woe unto the world because of offences
- All the kingdoms of the world - the nations of the world
- The world hated Christ because He testified of it, that the works thereof are evil
- Judgment of this world
- Judge the world, but to save the world - appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom He hath ordained
- The prince of this world cometh
- Of the world
- I have overcome the world
- Glory before the world was
- O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee
- My kingdom is not of this world
- All the world may become guilty before God
- Abraham the heir of the world
- Sin entered into the world
- Fall of Israel be the riches of the world - diminishing the riches of the Gentiles - casting away the reconciling of the world
- Be not conformed to this world
- Kept secret since the world began

- Wise - scribe - disputer of this world
- The wisdom of this world
- The world by wisdom knew not God
- The foolish things of the world - the weak things of the world - the base things of the world
- Princes of this world
- A mystery, which God ordained before the world unto our glory
- The spirit of the world
- A spectacle unto the world
- The filth of the world
- The fornicators of this world - covetous, extortioners, idolaters
- The saints shall judge the world
- Use this world
- The fashion of this world
- Careth for the things that are of the world
- The god of this world
- The sorrow of the world worketh death
- Present evil world
- The elements of the world
- The course of this world
- Without God in the world
- The fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God
- The rulers of the darkness of this world
- Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners
- Believed on in the world
- The friendship of the world is enmity with God
- The corruption that is in the world through lust
- The pollutions of the world - entangled and overcome
- Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world
- 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
- The world passeth away, and the lust thereof
- The world knoweth us not
- Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you
- This world's good
- For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith - who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?
- And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness
- The kingdoms of this world
- The kings of the earth and of the whole world