

Lasting Love Lies with the Lord
1 John 2:15-17

Inspected Love

15 Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world.

Separation from its Dominion

- John 1:10 – He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.
- James 4:4 – Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

Separation from its Distractions

- 2 Timothy 2:4 – No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of *this* life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

Illusioned Love

15 If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. **16** For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

Perversion of the World vs. the Perfecting of the Word

- 1 John 2:5 – But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

Presentation of the World vs. the Position of the Word

- Lust of the Flesh
 - o Mark 4:19 – *And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.*
 - o Galatians 5:17 – For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.
- Lust of the Eyes
 - o Matthew 5:28 – *But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.*
- Pride of Life
 - o James 4:16 – But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil.
 - o 2 Timothy 3:2 – For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,
 - o 1 John 3:17 – But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels *of compassion* from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?
 - o Luke 8:14 – *And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection.*

Persuasion of the World vs. the Purity of the Word

- John 17:14-18 – **14** *I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. 18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.*

Intentioned Love

17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

- 1 John 2:8 – Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth.
- 2 Peter 3:10-13 – **10** But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. **11** *Seeing then that* all these things shall be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought ye to be in *all* holy conversation and godliness, **12** Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? **13** Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.
- Matthew 12:50 – *For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.*
- John 14:23 – Jesus answered and said unto him, *If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.*