

Seeing the World as It Really Is

It is amazing how we get tied up in the things here and relegate the eternal to secondary status. 2 Peter 3.10 says everything will burn up one day. Do we live like we believe that? Matthew 6.19-21 challenges us to move within a godly, eternal perspective.

I. Galatians 1.3-5 - Delivered From the Present Evil Age.

- A. This passage speaks about the purpose for which Jesus died.
- B. 1.4 - deliver means “rescue.”
- C. “Age” does not refer to a time as much as a system or era.
 - 1. Our world is characterized by lies, deception, and Satan’s agenda.
 - 2. It is temporal. It is physical. It is passing.

II. Galatians 6.14 - We Are Dead to This World.

- A. 6.14b - what did the cross accomplish?
 - 1. What does it mean to be crucified?
 - 2. Now, because of Jesus, we are dead to the world and it is dead to us.
- B. What does this mean?
 - 1. We no longer have any relation to the world.
 - 2. 2 Corinthians 10.4-5: We are destroying arguments—everything that is lifted up against the knowledge of God.

III. Colossians 2.20 - We Have Died to the Elemental Spirits of This World.

- A. If you have died with Christ, you have died to the elementary.
 - 3. Anything the world comes up with is elementary compared to God’s truth.
 - 4. 1 Corinthians 1.27-29.
- C. Christians are truly profound people. We have transcendent truth.

IV. 1 John 2.15-17 - We Do Not Love the World.

- A. World comes from the word “kosmos.”
 - 1. Kosmos means “order,” - and here, it refers to the present-age system.
 - 2. 2.15 - we cannot love the world and God.
- C. This does not mean we should not enjoy God’s creation.
- D. 2.15b-16 - if we love the world, we are not a Christian.
 - 1. Why do we not love the world?
 - a. Because of what it is. It is Satan’s system.
 - b. Because of what it does, it incites sin.
 - c. Because of where it is going. It is passing away, 2.17.

As We Close...

- A. Colossians 3.1-2 - where are your affections?
- B. 1 John 5.4-5 - we can overcome this world.
- C. Why would we ever value this age more than God?
- D. Have you responded to this truth?