

ABIDE FOREVER

-1 JOHN 2:15 - 2:17-

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SERMON

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INTRODUCTION:

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Q: Abide Where?

A: In Christ

JOHN 15:5

5 I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

JOHN 15:10

10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

STORY: HOME BREAK IN

BENEFITS OF ABIDING IN CHRIST

PSALM 91:1 - 91:4

He who abides in the shelter of the Most High
Will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

2

I will say to Yahweh, "My refuge and my fortress,
My God, in whom I trust!"

3

For it is He who delivers you from the snare of the trapper
And from the destructive pestilence.

4

He will cover you with His pinions,
And under His wings you will take refuge;
His truth is a large shield and bulwark.

PSALM 27:1 - 27:3

YAHWEH IS MY LIGHT AND MY SALVATION
Of David.

Yahweh is my light and my salvation;
Whom shall I fear?

Yahweh is the strong defense of my life;
Whom shall I dread?

2

When evildoers came upon me to devour my flesh,
My adversaries and my enemies, they stumbled and fell.

3

Though a host encamp against me,
My heart will not fear;
Though war arise against me,
In this I trust.

“TODAY I’M GOING TO GIVE YOU
FOUR WAYS ON HOW TO ABIDE IN
CHRIST FOREVER”.

I. HOW TO ABIDE IN CHRIST: DO NOT LOVE THE
WORLD.

II. HOW TO ABIDE IN CHRIST: FLEE FROM THE
LUST OF THE FLESH AND THE LUST OF THE EYES
AND THE BOASTFUL PRIDE OF LIFE.

III. HOW TO ABIDE IN CHRIST: DON’T GO DOWN
WITH THE SHIP.

IV. HOW TO ABIDE IN CHRIST: DO THE WILL OF
GOD.

I. HOW TO ABIDE IN CHRIST: DO NOT LOVE THE WORLD.

15 Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

Q: When John says “Do not love the world” what does he mean?

A: The way of life governed by Satan

GENESIS 1:31

³¹ And God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

LOVERS OF PLEASURE VS LOVERS OF GOD

LOVERS OF PLEASURE

Character of Satan

- Ruler of the world (John 12:31)
- God of this world (2 Corinthians 4:4)
- Prince of the power of the air (Ephesians 2:2)
- A fake angle of light (2 Corinthians 11:14)

2 TIMOTHY 3:1 - 3:4

But know this, that in the last days difficult times will come.² For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy,³ unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, without gentleness, without love for good,⁴ treacherous, reckless, conceited, **lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,**

Example of Pleasure.

1. Party lifestyle
2. Abusive Lifestyle
3. PTA Mon

Example of Attractive Pleasures

1. Sex, cheating, lying, ...etc.

LOVERS OF GOD

Character of God

- Delights in lovingkindness, Justice, Righteousness
- Compassionate
- Gracious
- Slow to anger
- Abounding in lovingkindness and truth
- Forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin
- Will not leave the guilty unpunished.
- Holy, Holy, Holy

PHILIPPIANS 4:8

8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is dignified, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, consider these things.

EXAMINE YOURSELF

2 CORINTHIANS 13:5

5 Test yourselves *to see* if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize about yourselves that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you fail the test?

THE NON-BELIEVER

- SATAN IS DECEIVING YOU

THE BACKSLIDER

- REPENT

EPHESIANS 4:1

Therefore I, the prisoner in the Lord, exhort you to walk worthy of the calling with which you have been called,

STORY: MARRIAGE TESTIMONY

- THE COST CHRIST PAID FOR OUR SALVATION
- LAST PLEA TO THE UNBELIEVER
- DO NOT LOVE THE WORLD.

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“JESUS FLED FROM THE LUST OF THE FLESH AND THE LUST OF THE EYES AND THE PRIDE OF LIFE.”

READ: MATTHEW 4:1-10

Q: HOW CAN YOU FLEE FROM THE LUST OF THE FLESH AND THE LUST OF THE EYES AND THE PRIDE OF LIFE?

A: COMMIT YOURSELF TO GOD, NOT TO THE PLEASURE OF THE WORLD.

SATAN'S GAME PLAN

- SOCIAL MEDIA
- GOSSIP, BRAGGING, LIES
- DISTRACTIONS OF ALL KINDS

“STAY FOCUSED FLEE FROM SIN”

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MATTHEW 7:21 - 7:23

²¹ "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven *will enter*.²² Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, in Your name did we not prophesy, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name do many miracles?'²³ And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'

DEFINITION OF LORD: A PERSON WHO HAS AUTHORITY CONTROL OR POWER OVER OTHERS, MASTER CHIEF OR RULER.

YOU CAN'T SERVE 2 MASTERS

“LISTEN TO THESE VERSES”

MATTHEW 6:24

24 “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

DEUTERONOMY 6:5

5 You shall love Yahweh your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

LUKE 9:23

23 And He was saying to *them* all, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.

LIFE IS SHORT

JAMES 4:14

14 Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away.

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COMMIT TO DO THE WILL OF GOD LIKE JESUS

JOHN 4:34

34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do **the will of Him who sent Me** and to finish His work.

JOHN 5:30

30 "I can do nothing from Myself. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because **I do not seek My own will**, but the **will of Him who sent Me**.

JOHN 6:38

38 For I have come down from heaven, **not to do My own will**, but the **will of Him who sent Me**.

CONCLUSION:

JOHN 8:51

⁵¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he will never see death—ever.”

“IN CONCLUSION DO NOT LOVE THE WORLD, FLEE FROM THE LUST OF THE FLESH AND THE LUST OF THE EYES AND THE BOASTFUL PRIDE OF LIFE, DON’T GO DOWN WITH THE SHIP AND DO THE WILL OF GOD AND YOU WILL ABIDE IN CHRIST FOREVER.”