

Confidence Because You Love Father God - Part 4

Series: Blessed Assurance

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Text: 1 John 2:15-17; 5:20-21

- The letter of I John is all about assurance.
- God loves us and wants us to know that. John refers to believers as "*little children*."

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. ¹⁶ For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. – 1 John 2:15-16

When John says, "Do not love the world," he means the world as it is arrayed in rebellion against God.

Dear children, keep yourselves from idols. – 1 John 5:21

- This verse summarized everything else John was teaching in 1 John.
1. Idolatrous 'love of the world' shows that God is missing from your life.
 2. The way to overcome the world is by embracing the love of the Father.
- Only by not "lusting for" the world can you ever "love" the world.
 - *For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son...John 3:16*
 - *And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever. – 1 John 2:17*
 - Everything you give up in the world to follow Jesus you'll gain in eternity.