

We just finished several weeks in 1 John examining God's supernatural plan for our personal spiritual growth and maturity (1 John 2:12-14). Once we are born again by the Spirit of God, it is natural and expected in God's plan for us to begin to grow spiritually. Today through the eyes of the Apostle John and the preserved Words of God, we will step back and look at the big picture of the \_\_\_\_\_ around us and how we relate to and interact with it through as we grow. Navigating through this world can be a very challenging endeavor until we cross over to see and think about it the way God does through this eternal lens.

## The World – 1 John 2:15-17

### 1. The Love of the World vs. the Love of the Father – v. 15

- From beginning to \_\_\_\_\_, God built and owns this present world – 1 Sam. 2:8; Gen. 11:1-9; Ps. 24:1, 33:8, 50:12, 89:11, 96:13; Is. 13:11; Jer. 10:12; Nah. 1:5; Matt. 28:20; Luke 2:1.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of this world can cause us to become unfruitful and steal our love...riches, food/drink, clothing, houses, etc. – Matt. 6:19-20, 13:22, 16:26; Luke 12:22-31; Eph. 2:1-2; James 4:4; Rev. 2:4.
- God \_\_\_\_\_ loves this world...but this world does not so love Him back – John 3:16-17; 1 Cor. 1:21, 27-28; 2:7-8; 3:19; 4:9, 13; 2 Cor. 4:4; Gal. 1:4; Eph. 6:12; Ps. 2.

*Things the Father loves in this world =*

- The world is our mission field, and we are the \_\_\_\_\_ with real power – Matt. 13:38, 28:18-20; John 16:33, 17:12-20; Acts 17:6; Rom. 12:2; 1 Cor. 7:31; Gal. 6:14; 1 John 4:4, 5:19.

### 2. All that is in the World – v. 16

- The lust of the **flesh** = a desire to \_\_\_\_\_ what is beyond limits – Gen. 3:6a; Matt. 4:3-4; Jdg. 14:3.
- The lust of the **eyes** = a desire to \_\_\_\_\_ what is beyond limits – Gen. 3:6b; Matt. 4:8-11; Job 31:1.
- The **pride** of life = a \_\_\_\_\_ for prominence – Gen. 3:6c; Matt. 4:5-7; Nu. 12:3; 1 Tim. 3:6; Job 41:34.

### 3. The future of the World and the Will of God – v. 17

- God foretold world history and the conclusion of it all is \_\_\_\_\_ conclusion. We are right on track for it! – Dan. 2:31-45; Matt. 13:39, 49; John 18:36; Acts 3:20-21, 17:31; Rev. 11:15, 16:14; Ps. 37:11.
- Israel is the \_\_\_\_\_ present nation that will be standing at the end of this world – Is. 43:1, 45:17.
- God's will is that we repent from our sins and walk with Him honestly in this world until His \_\_\_\_\_ kingdom comes – 2 Pet. 3:9-15; Luke 11:2; Gen. 5:22-24; Heb. 11:5; Rev. 19:7-16.