

SUNDAY MORNING (August 5th) • “That You May Know” Do Not Love the World or Its Things (1 John 2:15-17)

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever. (1 John 2:15-17)

In everyday terms, what does it mean to “love the world” and “the things in the world”?

Why is loving the world and its things such a serious issue that disciples of Christ would be warned in this way?

Why is it either “the world” or “the Father”? Why can't it be both?

In what way is “the love of the Father” not “in” a disciple who loves the world?

What does John mean when he references:

- The desires of the flesh?
- The desires of the eyes?
- Pride in possessions (or the pride of life)?

In what way are those things “from the world”?

Why are we told that “the world is passing away along with its desires”? What does this mean?

In what way will the one who “does the will of God” abide “forever”?