



MESSAGE

STUDY GUIDE

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# Love Affects Our Fellowship

## What is the World?

- A. World can mean the earth, the planet (Acts 17:24; Jn. 1:10; 17:5; 1 Jn. 3:17; 4:17)
- B. World can mean people in general (Jn. 3:16; 12:19; 1 Jn. 2:2; 3:1)
- C. World can mean the evil, anti-God system of values, priorities & beliefs that people hold that excludes God (Jn. 12:31; 15:19; 1 Jn. 5:19; 2:17)

## John's First Command: "Do Not Love the World, Nor the Things of the World" (1 Jn. 2:15a)

- A. Do not love
- B. The World: The evil, anti-God system of values, priorities & beliefs (1 Jn. 5:19)
- C. Not deriving our identity from the world

## Loving the Father, or Loving the World (1 Jn. 2:15b)

- A. Love for the Father is our top priority
- B. Not loving the world

## What Makes Up the Evil, Anti-God World? (1 Jn. 2:16)

- A. The lust of the flesh
- B. The lust of the eyes
- C. The pride in one's possessions
- D. These are not from the Father

## The World or God's Will? (1 Jn. 2:17)

- A. The world is passing away
- B. Those who do the will of God remain forever

### Application

- A. Turning good things into 'god' things
- B. Questioning the reigning value system of all contemporary life at its roots