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The Dangers of Loving the World  
1 John 2:15-17

**Love** is generally viewed as a good thing. But it's the **object** of our love that determines if our love is biblical or not. In light of this, God's Word warns us not to love the **world**. (1 John 2:15-17)

- What does John mean by the "world"? This is referring to the satanic and sinful systems that are designed to entice us and draw us away from God. (Eph 6:12, John 15:19, 1 John 4:5)

There is no neutrality with God. You either love God, or love the world. (Matt 10:38-39, James 4:4, Matt 6:24) This doesn't mean the Christian doesn't struggle with the temptation that the world offers, we still sin (1 John 1:8), but the Christian doesn't **love** the world.

What is the enemy we are facing?

- The Lust of the Flesh: The carnal desire of the sinful heart
- The Lust of the Eyes: The sin of envy and covetousness
- The Boastful Pride of Life: The pride that fuels our passions. In our flesh, we don't care about God or His commandments.

This is the battle that was lost and caused sin to enter the world through Adam (Gen 3:1-7) and on the other hand, this was the battle that was won by Christ who defeated sin and death. (Romans 5:18-19, Luke 4:1-13)

We fight by:

- Knowing that Christ has already given us total victory by His work on the Cross. (Romans 8:1-4)
- Knowing and memorizing the Word of God (Psalm 119:9,11)
- Going to God in prayer for strength (Matt 26:41)

Motivation to keep us encouraged: (vs.17)

The negative - The world is passing away!

- A warning to those who want to love this world, what you are chasing is temporary.

The positive - The one who does the will of God (the Christian) abides forever!

- "For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it (Matt 16:25)

**Announcements:**

**Worship:** Grace Alone — The Modern Post      What A Friend We Have In Jesus — Various Artists  
10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord) — Matt Redman

**Closing Song:** Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me — Keith and Kristyn Getty

**Service Times:** Sundays: Biblical View of Prayer 4/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30/Men 6:30 & 7;  
Thursdays: Prayer 6:20/Church 7

★**PAINTING VOLUNTEERS:** ***THIS*** Friday, March 10th, and Saturday, March 11th, from 8am to 4pm we will be painting the church entryway! If you are interested in helping, it is not too late to volunteer. There is a sign-up list on the back table or you can see Emily Decker to volunteer!

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of March we are collecting monetary donations for HeartCry Missionary Society. The HeartCry Missionary Society works with indigenous missionaries whom God has raised up for Himself in some of the most remote places on the earth. It is their goal to provide whatever training and resources necessary to advance the Gospel through these indigenous missionaries around the world. For more information about HeartCry, please see the board in the entryway! There is a container on the back table for your monetary donations. You can also donate through Venmo, please be sure to note that the donation is for HeartCry!

★**ANNIVERSARY SERVICE:** We will be celebrating our 6th anniversary as a church on Sunday, March 26th! This is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends, family, and neighbors to hear the gospel proclaimed and to join us for this celebration!

★**FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** We are having a Fellowship Dinner NEXT Sunday, March 12th, immediately following the worship service! There is a sign-up list on the back table, please sign-up to bring something to the dinner. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the dinner and fellowship with us!

★**COMMUNION:** We will be celebrating and partaking of Communion together as a church body NEXT Sunday, March 12th!